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Separation but no divorce for prince and princess

The separation of the Prince and Princess of Wales, announced to a hushed Commons by the prime minister, raises the prospect of a king without a queen

By Alan Hamilton and Nicholas Wood

THE Prince and Princess of Wales are to separate after 11 years of marriage, it was announced yesterday, completing the Queen's annus horribilis and casting a shadow over the Princess Royal's impending wedding.

The announcement, whose only major surprise was in its timing, was made simultaneously by Buckingham Palace and by the prime minister in the Commons, where there gasps of disbelief when John Major said the separation need not prevent the

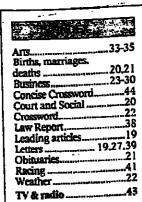
princess becoming queen. The statement made clear that the decision to lead separate lives had been reached



amicably, that both would continue to carry out full and separate public lives, and that both would participate fully in the upbringing of their two children. The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh, although saddened, understood and sympathised with the decision. and hoped that intrusions into the couple's privacy would

Mr Major told the Commons that the decision carried no constitutional implications. The succession to the throne is unaffected by it. The children of the prince and princess retain their position in the line of succession and there is no reason why the Princess of Wales should not be crowned queen in due course. The Prince of Wales's succession as head of the Church of England is also unaffected."

The prime minister's assessment of the princess's future provoked an audible intake of breath by MPs, particularly those on the Labour benches. although it was not directly challenged. Later, as Down-





ing Street officials disclosed that Mr Major had been involved in discussions over the future of the marriage for a few weeks, the message was reinforced, with senior aides saying that as the wife of the Prince of Wales, the princess would become queen when Prince Charles succeeded his

While the announcement confirmed what had long been known in royal circles, its - undoubtedly approved by the Queen - caused considerable surprise yester-day. Officially, the decision was made public to clear the air before Prince William, 10. and Prince Harry, 8, break up from school on Sunday. The children had been told about the separation and will divide their Christmas holiday be-

tween their parents. However, not only did the announcement destroy whatever positive public relations might have flowed by the Princess Royal's wedding on Saturday, but it also distracted the prime minister from his preparations for the European summit in Edinburgh at the end of this week.

Mr Major has been involved in discussions with Buckingham Palace over the future of the marriage for a few weeks and in the past week has seen both the prince and the princess sparately. Matters came to a head on Tuesday night, when the prime minister was told that the palace was likely to make an annoucement yesterday. He then postponed meetings with the European Commission president, Jacques Delors scheduled for yesterday afternoon, and summoned a group of senior ministers to Downing Street for a briefing at 10 o'clock yesterday

The first to be told by the prime minister included Lord Mackay of Clashfern, the Lord Chancellor, Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, Norman Lamont, the chancellor, Kenneth Clarke, the home secretary, Lord Wakeham, the Lords leader, Sir Nicholas Lyell, the attorney-general, and Richard Ryder, the chief whip. Other cabinet ministers were alerted once the meeting was over. John Smith, the Labour leader, was also fore-warned, and delayed his departure for Edinburgh to meet

other socialist leaders. Mr Major concluded that the separation does not affect the constitution after previously consulting Lord Mackay, Sir Nicholas, Dr George Carey, the Archbishop of Canterbury, and Sir Robin Butler,

the cabinet secretary. In the Commons, Mr Major, John Smith and Paddy Ashdown all expressed sympathy and understanding for the royal couple, and Dr Carey later also emphasised his support for the prince and princess on behalf of the church. Somalis marvel at US firepower

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER

IN WASHINGTON

HEAVILY armed American

troops secured all key posit-

ions in the Somali capital,

Mogadishu, yesterday, as the gangs of gunmen melted

away and large crowds gath-

ered to welcome the marines

and to marvel at the formida-

The 18,000 marines and equipment were ferried in at

dawn from an offshore task

force by helicopters and am-

phibious vessels. It was the

ble display of firepower.



"Their Royal Highnesses

will continue to carry out full

and separate programmes of

public engagements and will,

'It is announced ... with regret'

The following statement was released by Buckingham Palace yesterday and read by John Major to the House of Commons in full:

"It is announced from Buckingham Palace that, with regret, the Prince and Princess of Wales have decided to separate. Their Royal Highnesses have no plans to divorce and their constitutional positions are unaffect-



Mrs Camilla Parker-Bowles, a

Buckingham Palace said

last night "We are not sug-

gesting that the media are to blame, but the cumulative

effect of years of intrasive

coverage has created an atmo-

sphere that makes life intoler-

able." Palace sources were also

emphatic that the announce-

ment had not been precipitat-

ed by the involvement of any

third parties. The palace ap-

pealed to the press to let the

track, on schedule and going as planned". Mr Bush said

the Somali people had been

"appreciative and respon-

sive" to the American effort.

Richard Cheney, the de-fence secretary, said the oper-

ation had gone very smoothly.

If everything goes as well as

it has overnight, then I think we can look forward to begin

withdrawing our combat forces before the end of

Jamiary, maybe even sooner."

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longstanding friend.

ed. This decision has been reached amicably, and they will both continue to participate fully in the upbringing of

from time to time, attend family occasions and national events together. The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh, though sad-dened, understand and sympathise with the difficulties

that have led to this decision. Her Majesty and His Royal

tween the Princess and He said the prince's succession another man, the publication as head of the Church of of Andrew Morion's book England was in no way Diana: Her True Story, and the disclosure of another taped The couple's most earnest, if telephone conversation said to be between the Prince and

perhaps vain, hope is that by making public a private situa-tion which has existed de facto for several years, they will defuse and diminish the relentless barrage of tabloid newspaper intrusion, speculation and occasional pure invention that has propelled a marriage from the simply difficult to the positively intolerable. Body blows to the royal privacy this year alone have included the disclosure of the so-called "Squidgygate" tapes allegedly involving a private telephone conversation be-

US Marine Corps first am-

1983 Grenada invasion.

phibious landing since the

Within hours the first giant

American transport planes

began landing in Mogadishu,

bringing the lighting and

navigation equipment required for round-the-clock op-

erations at the airport. The

first of an additional 15,000

marines will start arriving

Colin Powell, chairman of

the joint chiefs of staff, told

President Bush that Opera-

tion Restore Hope was "on

today from California.

prince and princess alone, especially where their children were involved. "What is important above all is that Their Royal Highnesses hope that the media will respect their privacy as a family.*

The decision was taken after

lawyers had been consulted on the personal and constitutional position of the Prince and Princess. It is a legal rather than a judicial separation, and Palace sources indicated that there was no question at this stage of any settlement being drawn up to distribute goods. chattels or other assets.

The separation almost certainly marks an end to joint tours abroad as well as joint "awayday" visits in the United ed commitment to their public duties." Kingdom - the couple yesterday fulfilled public engagements 270 miles apart, the prince attending a business conference in Holyhead while the princess visited a project for drug and alcohol abusers in Whitley Bay. Immediately after his engagement the Prince flew by helicopter to his

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privacy of the prince and

princess may now cease. They believe that a degree of priva-

cy and understanding is es-sential if their Royal Highnesses are to provide a

happy and secure upbringing for their children, while con-

tinuing to give a wholeheart-

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sons' school, Ludgrove, in

Berkshire, to speak to them

about the news. Last night he

attended a ceremony at the

Guildhall, in London to com-

Major rallies EC leaders

NEW British proposals to resolve Denmark's problems over the Maastricht treaty will enable the European Community "to go forward as 12". John Major said last night

(Philip Webster writes). The plans, designed to calm Danish fears of a loss of sovereignty, are seen by London as the key to a successful agreement at the Edinburgh summit tomorrow and Saturday. The proposals meet some of the objections raised by Denmark to the original British draft, and also

tackle the concerns of member

countries that fear Copenhagen is being granted too many

Senior ministers also confirmed yesterday that Britain would be tabling new budget proposals before the summit starts in the hope of reaching a compromise on the other contentious issue on the agenda. These will include a revision of the figures in the original British plan that suggested that EC spending should rise to £60.5 billion by 1999.

Winning over Danes, page 11

Queen Mother will go to Scotland

OUEEN Elizabeth the Queen Mother will attend the wedding of the Princess Royal to Commander Timothy Laurence in Scotland on Saturday, Clarence House confirmed last night. Her hesitation over making the long journey in winter led to media speculation that she daughter's remarriage after her divorce from Captain

Mark Phillips earlier this year. of the Queen Mother, 92, said that doubts about her attendance had been because of problems with travel arrangements. Speculation in newspapers, some of which stated



Queen Mother: postponed her private engagements

categorically that she would not attend, had played no part in her decision to travel, her spokeswoman said.

The Queen Mother, who had a private engagement entertaining friends at Royal Lodge, Windsor, will travel to Balmoral and back on Saturday. The Queen and the Duke Edinburgh, and the princess's two children, Peter and Zara Phillips, have been confirmed as guests, but neither Clarence House nor Buckingham Palace would confirm last night whether the Prince and Princess of Wales and the Duke of York would

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Domestic drama proves chilling news for peers

F ew of us with distressing family news to impart can expect such terday conveyed the royal news, indirectly, to the nation. Where other couples might pay for a small insert in the Personal classified section of the local paper. his couple had the PM nip down to the Commons with the news, and the Lord Chancellor drop into the House of Lords to let peers

sketchwriter watched from the press gallery in the Upper Chamber as their lordshins crowded in and jostled round the throne to hear the penny drop. Bishops high-pitched electronic whistle that sends dogs mad, as a variety of hearing aids, turned to maximum volume, were pressed against a variety of noble ears. Lord Mackay of Clashfern rose to tell us

peers liked it. There was a very faint gasp as the Lord Chancellor said that the separation did not affect the possibility that the roy-al couple might be king and queen. When he said that they were now entitled to a little privacy, there was a gentle moo of sympathy, for their lordships do not like The Sun at all. However, when he quoted the PM's expression of support and lute sīlence: not a hear-hear to be heard. Almost audible was the thought among them that *many* of one's indeed Lord and Lady Thistledown have been barely on speaking terms and living in separate wings of Thistledown House at Thistledown Magna for as long

nobody has ever felt the need for a public statement. This sort of thing is not good for the monarchy. And what is the monarchy but the foundation stone of the structure we call the aristocracy and of which some of those assembled in the chamber are crumbling outer battlements, isolated towers, lonely hunting lodges or amusing follies? Touch the monarch, peers thought, and the whole structure trembles. Hearing aids were pressed a little more anxiously to

grizzled ears. Nobody really wanted to say anything. For Labour, its new Leader in the Lords, Iyor Richard, mumbled about "regret and sadness" and snarled something about "the tabloids" ("hear. hear!") and sat down. For the Liberal Democrats. not going to say anything. but said it in a very grave

From the absent Arch-Habgood rose and for three or four minutes gently but ied himself and his pre compassion pain ... the lesser evil ... comfort . . . strength . . . way forward ..." — a soft, remorseless snowfall bury-

🕽 many of them left. The debate on Hong Kong and are intoned like Collects for the day, defended the gov ernor. For Labour, the eletating Lady Blackstone whined sanctimoniously both for democracy and against it, and concluded with a series of complaints cy of Esther Rantzen's Democrat Lord Holme told us that he had been to of experience and wisdom' waiting on the Lords benches to speak. Over the floor, the positive avalanche, in blue twin-set and pearls, smiled graciously.

A former governor of Hong Kong, Lord Wilson, speech that decades of inphors had got to him. He compared the colony's rre to a grea which "the present difficulties" were rocks or eddies that we must navigate round in our splendid progress to the sea. Whether he saw himself as a rock, an eddy, or one of the deeper stretches, he was too modest to say.

Lady Avalanche of Grantham spoke next. She congratulated the ex-governor. on his maiden speech. Then she congratulated herself on appointing him.

The prime minister confirmed what the









Tense silence in the Commons as news is broken to nation

BY ROBERT MORGAN POLITICAL STAFF

A HUSHED and tense House of Commons was united in expressions of sympathy for the Prince and Princess of Wales yesterday as John Ma-jor told MPs the couple were to senarate

The prime minister, surrounded by most of the cabinet, was heard in almost total

in order to do so. The only sound during Mr Major's short statement was a gasp of surprise when he said there was no reason why the Princess of Wales should not

be crowned queen in due The House heard that the royal couple would continue to carry out "full and separate programmes of public engagements and would from time to time attend family occasions and national events

neously by Buckingham Pal-

ace, announcing the separa-

tion and ending months of

gripped with anticipation

since news spread at around

12.45pm that Mr Major was

to deliver a special statement and had called off his talks

with Jacques Delors, president

of the European Commission.

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speculation.

together". Mr Major told the House that "the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh, although sad-dened, understood and sympathised with the difficulties that had led to this decision".

Party leaders joined the prime minister in calling for understanding, but a discordant note was struck by two prominent left-wingers who used the occasion to make political points.

After reading the official statement, Mr Major said: "I am sure that I speak for the whole House, and millions beyond it, in offering our Deep affection for monarchy'

support to both the Prince and Princess of Wales. I am also sure that the House will sympathise with the wish that they should both be afforded a degree of privacy.

The House will wish to know that the decision to separate has no constitutional implications. The succession to the throne is unaffected by it; the children of the prince and princess retain their position in the line of succession and there is no reason why the Princes of Wales should not be crowned queen in due course. The Prince of Wales's succession as head of the Church of England is also unaffected. Neither the prince nor the

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princess is supported by the Civil List and this position will remain unchanged.

"I know that there will be great sadness at this news. But know also that, as they continue with their royal duties and bringing up their children, the prince and princess will have the full support, understanding and affection of this House and of the

John Smith. leader of the Opposition, said: "I am sure that the whole House will share the feeling of sadness the prime minister has expressed at the announcement of the separation. "I also share the hope that a

greater degree of privacy may result for the Prince and Princess of Wales and their children in what would be a difficult time for any family. We associate ourselves entirely with the expression of support for the Prince and Princess of Wales in the carrying out of their public duties," said Mr

Smith_ Paddy Ashdown, the Liberal Democrat leader, said: "These are going to be difficult times for the royal family and the whole House will wish to extend to them our sympathy, in particular to the Prince and Princess of Wales." Sir Edward Heath, the for-

mer prime minister, said: "It must be one of the saddest announcements made by any prime minister in modern

A bitter note was introduced by Robert Cryer, Labour MP for Bradford South, who said that hundreds of thousands of ordinary people went through similar strain and difficulty. Poor housing, low pay and rotten conditions of employment place on such marriages far, far and away greater strains and it would be a welcome day when the government brought a statement here to relieve those strains and not just this narrow royal

family. Dennis Skinner, Labour MP for Bolsover, said the most controversial thing the

would be fair to say that as a result of the occurrences over the past several months and the pushing of the self-destruct button by the monarchy, that we could now be witnessing the end of the monarchy. The reigning Queen could possibly

"And it would not be something that could be blamed on people like those of us who believe there is no need for a monarchy in this land now. In view of that, could I ask the prime minister to bear in mind that this shattering arnouncement will result in changes in our constitution and that it is high time that we stopped this charade of swearing allegiance to the Queen and her heits and successors because we do not know from time to time who they are."

Mr Major retorted sharply: "Mr Skinner does not, I believe, speak for the nation or any significant part of it. The affection for the monarchy and members of the royal family in this country is deep. is widespread and is enduring. We live in a monarchy and, if I may speak personally, I hope and believe we always will."

In the House of Lords there were similar expressions of sadness after peers had heard the statement read by Lord Mackay of Clashfern, the Lord Chancellor.

The Archbishop of York, Dr John Habgood, speaking for himself and George Carey, the Archbishop of Canterbury, who is abroad, said: "We share the great sorrow this announcement will cause to the Church and nation. We ask the public to join us in praying that God will bring comfort and strength to the prince and princess, to their children and the wider royal family.

"In the case of unsuccessful marriages, the Church of England accepts that there are sometimes circumstances, however sad, where separation is the lesser evil and the best way forward.

"Questions may be raised about the implications of the separation for His Royal Highness's position as future Supreme Governor of the Church of England, From a legal viewpoint, marital status does not affect the succession to the throne and hence the title of Supreme Governor. The monarch is Supreme Governor by virtue of being

Palace regrets couple's parting

Continued from page i anniversary. The Princess spent the evening at Kensington Palace.

The couple will, however. continue to appear. together at important for mal occasions, beginning tomorrow night when both will join the Queen and other members of the royal family on board the royal yacht Britannia in Leith docks for a banquet in honour of European heads of government attending the Edinburgh summit. There was no confirmation last night whether they would then travel north with other menbers of the royal family to attend the Princess Royal's wedding. They will also continue to be seen together at such occasions as the state opening of Parliament and Remembrance Sunday at the Cenotaph. Asshe remains a full member of the royal family. the princess will continue to receive the usual invitations to Balmoral and Sandringham, although whether she will accept them is another matter. Otherwise their lives

will follow a pattern that has already been discretily established. The prince will live at Highgrove, where he already spends most of his time and which the princess disliked, and will be given an apartment in Clarence House, official residence of his grandmother Queen Elizabeth, for use when he is in London The princess will live at Kensington Palace, already her usual home. where she may be expected to gather an "alternaave court" around her.

The couple's public. lives will continue to be serviced from their joint office in St James's Palace. The princess is likely to adopt a considerably higher public profile in her own right and to take on many more official:

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Major shoulders his duty to advise and protect the Crown

BY PETER RIDDELL, POLITICAL EDITOR

JOHN Major's decision to House of Commons about the royal separation was not just a formality, a dignified expression of conventional pieties. He wanted the support of the House, since he knows there are potentially serious implications for the constitution.

Mr Major has been closely involved for some time in the discussions about the royal marriage, not just with the Queen but also the Prince and Princess of Wales.

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One senior minister said that while Mr Major had kept these matters to himself, they had taken up a lot of time in spite of all the prime minister's other distractions this

Like previous prime ministers, Mr Major takes his role as adviser to the monarch very seriously. Up to the mid-19th century, the prime minister was part of the factional battles involving the court, and often also the heir to the throne.

The priority of prime ministers since then has been to defend the institution of the monarchy and to prevent it becoming a matter of party controversy.

The closest parallels to yesterday's announcement are King George IV's attempted divorce from Queen Caroline in 1820 and King Edward VIII's abdication crisis in

The public trial of Queen Caroline produced friction between Lord Liverpool, the prime minister, and the monarch Liverpool was always against raising the divorce in parliament. When the majority on the divorce bill fell to nine on the third reading in the Lords, Liverpool realised that it would be rejected in the Commons and the government would have to resign. So the bill was withdrawn, much to the King's annoyance. The Queen was later refused admission to the much-delayed coronation, and died soon

afterwards. In 1936, Baldwin saw it as his duty to protect the monarchy in the face of the wayward-ness of Edward VIII. He consulted the prime ministers of the dominions, who this time appear to have been merely informed, and opposition leaders in Britain, as Mr Major has done now. During lengthy consultations, Bal-

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dwin manoeuvred to ensure that in the end all parties accepted that the abdication was unavoidable, despite the threatened formation of a "King's party" by Winston Churchill and similar

Mr Major said yesterday that the Prince and Princess of Wales's decision to separate had no constitutional implications. But for all the solidarity expressed by party leaders, few believe that line can be held. There was a gasp of disbelief from MPs when Mr Major said there was no reason why the Princess of Wales should not be crowned queen in due

Dennis Skinner was the only MP to break yesterday's consensus of silence and argue

bound to mean constitutional changes. Downing Street officials later dismissed as hypothetical all questions about what might happen if there is later a divorce or if one or other became involved with someone else.

However, these questions are far from hypothetical. Yesterday's statement assumes that the amicable separation will continue indefinitely. But the position of the monarchy and the prince's future roleas head of the Church of England would be thrown into question by further changes.

Moreover, MPs are apprehensive about the cumulative impact of the breakdown of the marriages of three of the Queen's children on the standing of the monarchy, especially when the Prince of Wales succeeds the present Queen.

In a press article published last weekend, Douglas Hurd, the foreign secretary, sought to rally support by emphasising the backing of the "quiet people" of Britain for the

Senior ministers are worried that the intensive press coverage contributed to the separation and will affect the future position of the prince, the princess and their child-Mr Major's appeal to the

media to respect their privacy

was cheered by MPs. But that

will not be the end of the

Yesterday's exchanges in the Commons were an expression more of hope than expectation. The constitutional position of the monarchy has been severely shaken.



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world had long suspected: the marriage is all but over



Height of expectation: the Prince of Wales and Lady Diana Spencer after their engagement



Just married: the couple leaving St Paul's Cathedral after their wedding to acknowledge the cheers of crowds lining the route

Priority given to princes' happiness

PRINCE William and Prince Harry, who continued their studies at school in Berkshire yesterday, were told well in advance of the official announcement that their parents were separating. Buckingham Pal-

The princes will remain at Ludgrove, near Wokingham, until the term ends this weekend and will share the Christmas holiday between their parents, although it is not yet known whether they will join the rest of the royal family at Sandringham. "They will be with both parents in turn but the exact details are not finalised yet," a palace spokeswoman said.

The announcement of the separation emphasised concern for Harry and William. It said that the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh sions into the privacy of the prince and princess may now cease". The statement continued: "They believe that a degree of privacy and understanding is essential if their royal highnesses are to provide a happy and secure upbringing for

Uppermost in the minds of both

arents is the stability of their sons' lives. William, 10, and Harry, 8, will have to learn quickly about dividing their time between their mother's residence, Kensington Palace, and their father at

The Princess of Wales will be especially concerned about the effect of the separation on her sons as she comes from a broken home.

Her parents separated when she was six and there followed a protracted legal battle for custody of her and her brother and sisters.

The princess has been closely involved in the day-to-day upbringing of her sons, driving them to nursery and later to school. She cheered them at sports day, publicly wiped away their tears and encouraged them to enjoy normal childbood activities.

The prince has been the target of allegations that he is a stuffy and awkward father, remote from his sons, but during the summer he was photographed hugging them and complained that little notice was taken when he took his sons to Windsor Safari Park and on shooting expeditions.

Prince William Arthur Philip Louis was born at St Mary's Hospital, Paddington, London, on

by his wife's side. The nation celebrated the birth of the second in line to the throne and the picture portrayed by the Wales's was of an ideal family. Prince Henry Charles Albert David, known as Harry, was born in the same hospital on September 15, 1984.

The difference in the personalities of the two boys was marked at an early age. Harry was described by his mother as "sensitive to atmospheres" and a "quiet observer", and by his father as "the gentle one with a quiet nature".

William developed a boisterous nature in his early years and at kindergarten it was claimed that he earned the name "Basher" and told other children he would "send my knights to kill you when I'm king". He also regularly stuck out his tongue at photographers but has become quieter and more considerate as he has grown.

Early marital frictions developed quickly into unconcealed antipathy

By LIN JENKINS

THE wedding-day kiss on was under pressure to secure Buckingham Palace balcony the line, and in Lady Diana he in response to the demanding cheers of the crowd set the expected tone of a marriage that everyone wanted to suc-

JOHN.

The ingredients of a young beautiful bride, a self-assured heir to the throne, popularity, great wealth and a defined public role were a heady mix that could hardly fail. But fail it did, and the painful separation of a couple who now cannot hide their antipathy towards each other marks an end to a private struggle so often played out under the

public spotlight.
The wedding at St Paul's Cathedral saw the fruition of the hoped-for schemes of Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother and her lady in waiting, Ruth, Lady Fermoy, grandmother of the shy and unworldly Lady Diana Spencer. From the beginning, there were underlying frictions common to many embryonic love

While many of the difficulties have been unfairly ampli-fied by friends of the couple. and reamplified by the media. it is clear that the courtship was swift. The Prince of Wales

believed he had found someone he could teach and mould. He had been ill-prepared to cope with a rival for public affection with a strong sense of

her own worth. Five days before the wedding, Lady Diana cried at a polo match. The press blamed nerves and the intense media focus. Later interpretation said that she was upset at his continuing affection for a past girl friend. The honeymoon was barely better, with the relaxed atmosphere of the royal yacht replaced quickly by Balmoral and a country life that the princess could never

fully embrace.
The early years, and the arrival of a son in June 1982. gave the appearance that all was well. According to friends, the cracks that began to appear were papered over in public. The birth of Prince Harry in September 1984 signalled a marked change. The princess imposed her will on the household, ostracised the prince's friends and servants whom she disliked, and gave vent to her hatred of certain aspects of her life.

The prince responded by

returning to his bachelor lifestyle. Friends said that he was increasingly lonely and eccentric, voiced concern that he had no clear role while his mother reigned, and hinted that the blame lay in his wife's

often open criticism. By 1987 the pattern was established. The prince spent a month away from his wife and children at Balmoral, but the domestic arrangements were no worse than those common to many couples in their circle. Recent reports. based on information from the princess's friends, suggest

that a confrontation in the autumn of the following year with Camilla Parker-Bowles, a former girl friend of the prince, highlighted her determination not to allow the rift

to become any greater.

Each cultivated a separate group of friends, followed their own interests and main-tained a public profile of professional togetherness rather than displays of affection. It was an arrangement

generated by the princess's evening with her friend James Gilbey and numours of a friendship with Major James Hewitt of the Life Guards.

The prince, too, had his friends. When he broke his arm playing polo at Ciren-cester, friends claim that the princess returned to Highgrove to find him with Mrs Parker-Bowles. Her disap-proval and jealousy failed to end the friendship.
The visit to Czechoslovakia

in May 1991, when the couple were reported to be in separate rooms, marked the beginning of the open season for public debate on the state of the marriage. On their visit to India in February, the princess used her not inconsiderable skill to generate sympathy for her plight in a loveless marriage. She arranged a photocall and was pictured standing alone in front of the Taj Mahal. None missed the irony. Her husband, on a visit years before, had said that he would one day bring his bride

to marvel at its beauty.

During the visit, the prince kissed his wife in public for the first time in four years. But instead of a spontaneous show of affection, it looked awkward and landed closer to her ear than her cheek.

Andrew Morton's book Diana: Her True Story, published in June, claimed that the princess was trapped in a loveless marriage. Apparently based on talks with her friends, it said that she suffered from bulimia nervosa and had made several suicide attempts. While many of the claims where fanciful, it clearly established that the marriage

was far from a fairy-tale.

During the annual Balmoral holiday, the text of an alleged telephone conversation recorded by a retired bank manager between the princess and Mr Gilbey surfaced. He called her "Squidgy" and blew kisses down the telephone.

Any attempt to hide the animosity between the couple during a trip to Korea last month failed miserably. The princess, on her return, took the unprecedented step of issuing a statement denying a rift between her and the Queen and Duke of Edinburgh after reports that the duke had reproached her for damaging the royal family. What it did not say about the state of her marriage spoke

ARCHAEOLOGICAL TREASURES SEND THEIR MESSAGE OF GREEK MACEDONIA

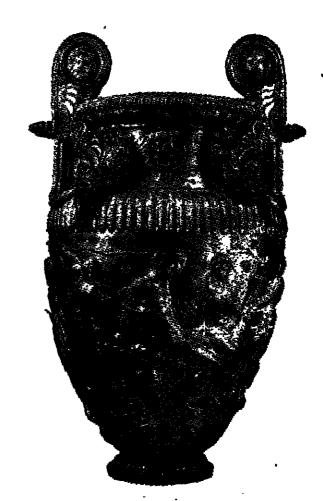
It is true that when ordinary people refer to Greek antiquity, they usually have in mind ancient cities that had played an important role in the growth of civilization from prehistorical up to the classical period. Among them, Athens, Thebes, Corinth, Sparta, Olympia and other citystates of the southern part of Greece, the Aegean islands, Crete, Cyprus, west Asia Minor and even south of Italy, the very well known "Magna Grecia" are among the prevailing ones. On the contrary Macedonia's history comes into existence since the glorious reign of King Philip, his son Alexander the Great, and his generals who ruled over the remains of the late Persian empire, creating the very well known and so important Greek centers of civilization of Alexandria, Pergamos, Antioch of Messopotamia. Nevertheless, Macedonia's previous history remains quite obscure to common people.

However, archaeological excavations during the last twenty years brought to light hundreds of ancient Greek cities, temples, palaces, theaters and tombs, one of which is the famous tomb of King Philip, and treasures of an exquisite workmanship and design. Chronologically, they cover the most important periods of the Greek history from the Mycenaean up to the dassical times. Their number increases in such a manner, that in the years to come, they will very probably exceed those of the southern part of the country, which was wrongly considered to constitute the main body of Greek antiquity. Therefore, when talking of ancient Greece, one must have in mind its northern part as well, i.e.

The bronze crater of Derveni

Amongst the most important finds are the bronze crater and several other bronze vases with an attractive golden appearance. They were discovered near Thessaloniki, capital of Macedonia in 1969. They are ascribed to the 4th century B.C., a period during which metal working technique in Greece had reached an crater. Just above the welding point some amazingly high standard of perfection.

The large crater, a unique masterpiece of ancient Greek art and technology, has a 90 cm height, and an approximate mass of 40 kg. The base, the four statuettes, which lie on the crater's shoulder, and the two heavy handles are cast, while the whole would have been produced by forging, main body with the fine relief decorations while the smaller bronze vases either by



Its golden colour, which led archaeolo- combination of both. In fact, some of the due to an unusual high tin content (15%). It is surprising how ancient Greeks had shaped the hard copper - tin alloy into such a large vase and, what is more, they had decorated its main body with high

On the other hand, X-ray investigation led to the unexpected conclusion that this huge crater was from bottom to the middle of its neck a one piece vase. At this point exists the sole welding zone between the main body and the upper part of the small size wild animals seem to walk on an irregular ground. In this way, the artist has actually succeeded in hiding the rather rough welding.

Macro and micro examination and experimental work showed that the crater forging, or on the lathe or, finally by a

gists to believe that it was gold plated, is small vases show signs of spinning on the

The above study has largely contributed in assessing the achievements realized by ancient Greeks in Macedonia during the 4th century B.C., and has led to the conclusion that throughout this period Greek art and technology had actually reached a climax of perfection and, what is more, Macedonia the new Greek super power that had succeeded Athens after its decline constituted part of the ancient Greek world and a continuation of its civilization.

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Dynasty established in war

By MICHAEL HORSNELL

THE House of Windsor took its name from the castle and was founded in 1917, succeeding the House of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha after George V concluded that his Germanic titles were scarce ly suitable at a time of war. The new name was adopt-

ed by a proclamation of the king on July 17 that year. the eighth of his reign, which stated: "Our House and family shall be styled and known as the House and family of Windsor." The Saxe-Coburg name lasted for 77 years, having come to the royal family with the marriage in 1840 of Queen Victoria to Prince Albert, whose father was Duke of Saxe-Coburg. She was de-scended from the Hanoverian line which had come to

the throne in 1714. The Queen, fourth sover-eign of the House of Windsor, declared in 1960 that



married would use the surname Mountbatten-Windsor, linking her husband's surname with their descendants. The first use of that name was in 1973 at the marriage of the Princess Royal to Captain Mark

After relinquishing the family's German titles, George V carned popularity through public work. Con-stitutional monarchy reached maturity during his reign. His successor, Edward

VIII, quickly plunged the Windsor dynasty into crisis through his relationship with the divorcee Wallis Simpson. On December 10, 1025 he greated an instan-1936, he executed an Instru-ment of Abdication and stated in a radio broadcast the following day that he found it impossible to discharge his duties without "the help and support of the woman I love". He gave way to his broth-

er, the Duke of York, who was proclaimed George VI on December 11. With Queen Elizabeth, whom he had married in 1923, the king regained the confidence of a nation badly shaken by the abdication crisis. He did so by standing shoulder to shoulder with his people during the second world war, insisting that he remain at Buckingham Pal-ace while the bombs fell.

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'There are circumstances where separation is the lesser evil and hence the best way forward' Separation

Archbishops urge compassion and understanding

By RUTH GLEDHILL, RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

CHURCH leaders last night urged a show of compassion and understanding for the Prince and Princess of Wales.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr George Carey, and the Archbishop of York, Dr John Habgood, said in a joint statement: "In the case of unsuccessful marriages, the Church of England accepts that there are sometimes circumstances, however sad, where separation is the lesser evil and hence the best way

Dr Habgood said that mari-tal status did not affect the succession to the throne and hence to the title of Supreme Governor of the Church of England, Separation did not in itself "in any sense disquality a person from holding the

tide of Supreme Governor".

The Bishop of Liverpool, the Right Rev David Sheppard, said: "The church stands firmly for the ideal that marriage is for keeps. However, it has had to face that we are open to the same hurts and failures as

other human groupings." Bishop Sheppard, who is chairman of the church's Board for Social Responsibility, which recently set up a working party to examine family life, said: "One of the

things we need to acknowledge is that the church community is not immune to the human hurts and failures that other people experience."

The church's response to the separation is an indication of how far church attitudes to separation and divorce have changed According to the Bishop of Oxford, the Right Rev Richard Harries, the church is walking a rightrope between the ideal of lifelong marriage and the need to help

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those involved in marital breakdown. He said: "The Church of England believes the intention of God is that a marriage is a lifelong union. But we all have to recognise that some marriages are unsuccessful

Last year remarried men were for the first time allowed to be ordained in the church. with the permission of their archbishop. Many traditionalists still oppose such relaxations of the rules, but this act was yet another sign of how the church is facing the reality modern, secular society where marital breakdown is increasingly common.

The reaction to the Prince and Princess of Wales's statement indicates a church which is moving from its position of moral righteousness to a more compassionate position of pastoral care and understanding. Few church leaders have not experienced marital problems in their churches or even their

At last night's performance of Handel's Messiah in St Paul's Cathedral, where the couple married, the Very Rev Eric Evans, the dean, asked the audience to pray for the couple. As he left for the performance he said: "There is deep, deep sadness ... We

cannot be judgemental." Church leaders of other denominations also expressed compassion. Cardinal Basil Hume, Archbishop of Westminster, said: "It is very sad and I share the sympathy of all those who hold the Prince and Princess in high esteem."

Mother Teresa of Calcutta, who is a close friend of the princess, told The Universe. the Catholic weekly, that she was distressed. "I am praying for the family and I feel very sorry for them. Love begins at home and the family that prays together stays together,"

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Country life: a stylised family portrait by Lord Snowdon of the prince and princess with their sons

Church role is not affected

By Frances GIBB, LEGAL CORRESPONDENT

THE separation does not affect the Prince of Wales's nor of the Church of England nor his succession to the

This is the case whatever his marital status and remains so even if the separation becomes a divorce, which many see as likely, even though the couple have no plans to divorce at

The Archbishop of York, Dr John Habgood, said the monarch holds the position of Supreme Governor by virtue of being sovereign. "There is no other legal requirement."

Under the Act of Settlement 1700, the sovereign must be a communicant member of the John Habgood, said the

communicant member of the Church of England; having an unsuccessful marriage is no disqualification to being head of the church.

The couple have surged to a

of the church.

The couple have agreed to a legal separation, but not one which requires court approval. The separation is distinct from a judicial separation which would need to be endorsed by the courts in the same way as a discourse.

divorce.
With most couples, a legal separation is usually a prelude to divorce, which with consent can occur after two years of living apart. There is usually a document involved, in which the couple set out what there the couple set out what they agree as far as children and financial arrangements are concerned.

Such a separation agreement would involve a contractual document. In the case of the Prince and Princess of Wales, there is unlikely to be a specific separation document, although it is understood that lawyers have been involved and papers have been ex-changed. Sir Matthew Farrer, the

the prince, with back-up from his team of matrimonial

Peter George, a matrimo-nial lawyer, said: "The difference between ence between a legal separation and a divorce is very significant. With the latter, the couple are no longer husband and wife; the law has pronounced the dissolution of the marriage.

There were a hundred and one advantages in going for a formal separation rather than divorce, he said. The couple could obtain a divorce immediately only if they were pre-pared to indulge in

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accusations of unreasonable behaviour or adultery, with all the "media furore" that would entail. Alternatively, they could seek divorce after a separation of two years, as the Princess Royal did. He added that in his view

arrangements in this case would be made and would be honoured without the need for any contract. The needs of the children, and the requirement to ensure that they suffered as little as possible, would be the overriding consideration in any arrangements, he said.

Lawyers will have sorted out financial arrangements with the minimum of acrimony. The prince is certain to have full access to his children, who are likely to reside with their Gill Doran, a matrimonial

lawyer, said that agreements when couples decided formally to separate "can be as wideranging and as tailor-made as the circumstances in which couples find themselves."

presents no barrier to throne By ALAN HAMILTON THE separation of the heir to

the throne and his wife curies no direct constitutional implication. Even if the couple later divorce - although there is no suggestion that they will there is no barrier in law to the Prince of Wales becoming

As long as the couple re-main merely separated, they remain married in law. This would enable the Prince of Wales to be crowned King Charles III - or whatever name he chooses - and his wife to be crowned Queen Diana. Queens consort - as

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distinct from queens regnant, such as the present monarch - have no formal constitutional status.

No divorced or formally senarated monarch has sat on the throne since Henry VIII. although George IV tried in vain to divest himself of Queen Caroline in favour of Mrs. Fitzherbert. Edward VII. while still Prince of Wales, led a largely separate life from his wife Alexandra, although no formal separation was ever-

However, the voice of the people must also be heard if the monarchy is to survive, as Edward VIII discovered.

In 1936, Edward, besotted with the twice-divorced Wallis Simpson, told the prime minister. Stanley Baldwin "that marriage had become an incontinued existence, whether as a king or a man. I intend to marry Mrs Simpson as soon

Edward's unwavering det ermination to marry made his abdication inevitable. He did not require the consent of his ministers to marry, but as Mr Baldwin made abundantly clear to him, the position of the king's wife was different to that of any other wife, in that she became queen. Mr Baldwin was convinced that the British people would not tolerate a twice-divorced woman as wife of the supreme governor of the Church of England - a church which did not, and still officially does not. sanction to the remarriage of a person whose former spouse is

still living.

Edward then proposed a morganatic marriage, in which Mrs Simpson would have no claim on royal rights. status or privileges and any children would forfeit their right to inheritance. Baldwin took the view that such an act would need fresh legislation. Having been told that neither the British nor any of the major Commonwealth governments would support such a proposal, Edward withdrew from the throne.

Prince Charles's problems therefore lie primarily with the Church of England, whose views on having a supreme governor separated from his wife will count for much. Yesterday the church went out of its way to be supportive and to underline the fact that, in its view, no such problems arise for the time being.

The prince also faces problems with the public percep-tion of his position. No monarch in modern times would contemplate ascending the throne unless he was sure of his subjects' support. And it remains to be seen whether his subjects will tolerate a future king whose consort leads an entirely separate life.

Few wedding details released

By Lin Jenkins

THE marriage of the Princess Royal to Commander Timothy Laurence in Scotland on Saturday has been eclipsed by news of her brother's

separation.
The couple had hoped to keep their ceremony a private, indeed secret, affair until word leaked out, and welcome attention being diverted from their wedding. Only scant details have been released, a reflection of their wish for a

quiet service.

Both the public and press have been told the weather forecast is for snow and that there will be no means of getting a good look at the couple or guests. Grampian police said driving conditions would be bad on the narrow roads. However, yesterday's confirmation that Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother will attend the service at Crathie church on the Balmoral estate will ensure the presence of both well-wishers and media in considerable numbers.

Buckingham Palace has not

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Princess Royal: spotlight diverted to her brother

added to the short formal statement announcing the wedding. No details have been released about the names of the best man and of any bridesmaids or what the bride will wear.

The princess will join the Queen on board the royal yacht Britannia tomorrow. The 39-year-old vessel will be in Edinburgh to host the Queen's dinner for visiting heads of state at the European summit. They will fly to



Laurence: best man's identity still unknown

Aberdeen the following morning and drive to Balmoral. The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh, the Queen Mother and Princess Anne's children, Peter, 15, Zara, 11, will be present. No details have: been released concerning oth-

er family members. After the 15-minute ceremony, the royal family will host a small reception for guests and estate workers. The couple is expected to spend the weekend in a cottage on the estate.

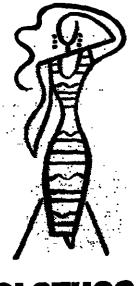








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Papers not to blame for telling sad truth

BY BRIAN MACARTHUR

CURSES on the six popular national tabloids will undoubtedly be muttered around many breakfast tables this morning, but was it the press's fault that the marriage of the Prince and Princess of Wales turned sour?

As Lord McGregor, chair-man of the Press Complaints Commission and an academic expert on divorce, pointed out yesterday, newspapers cannot disrupt the stability of a marriage in which the partners are

loyal to each other. Even palace spokesmen yesterday went out of their way to emphasise that the separation

was not the fault of the papers. That denial, made on behalf of the Queen, will not stop many people from continuing to believe that the relentless scrutiny of "Di and Charles" must have exacerbated the strains within their marriage, a view that was put in The Times last week by Michael Shea, the Queen's former press secretary. He described the tabloids as "a cancer in the soft underbelly of the nation", adding that they did a huge disservice to society in the damage they caused to individuals and institutions with their daily mix of "sexual innuendo, hypocrisy and lies".

He asked: "Do we really want to continue down the road to a hideous world where Princess of Wales.

not just the royal family but anyone who gets into the goldfish bowl of public life can have their slightest move from the conventional path intruded on and then paraded as if on a gallows before its slaver-ing public?"

There was a quick answer from the tabloids. As Richard

Stott, a former editor of the Daily Mirror and The People pointed out, the main thrust of the reporting of the Princess of Wales's unhappiness and her unhappy marriage has been true, whatever the denials from palace spokesmen.

Complaints about the tabloids, therefore, become an ar-gument about whether the papers should tell the truth, as they so conspicuously failed to do in 1936 over the relationship between Edward VIII and Wallis Simpson. Since then Britain has become a less deferential society and the six national tabloids have led the way in questioning the old Establishment values.

That has undoubtedly led to questionable intrusions into privacy, in particular the publication of private conversations between the Prince and Princess of Wales and their friends in The Sun and the Daily Mirror, obtained by snoopers. Yet it was not the tabloids who invented the Duchess of York or who organised a royal It's a knockout competition or who made the marriage of the Prince and

Forlorn hope for privacy

By Tom Corby

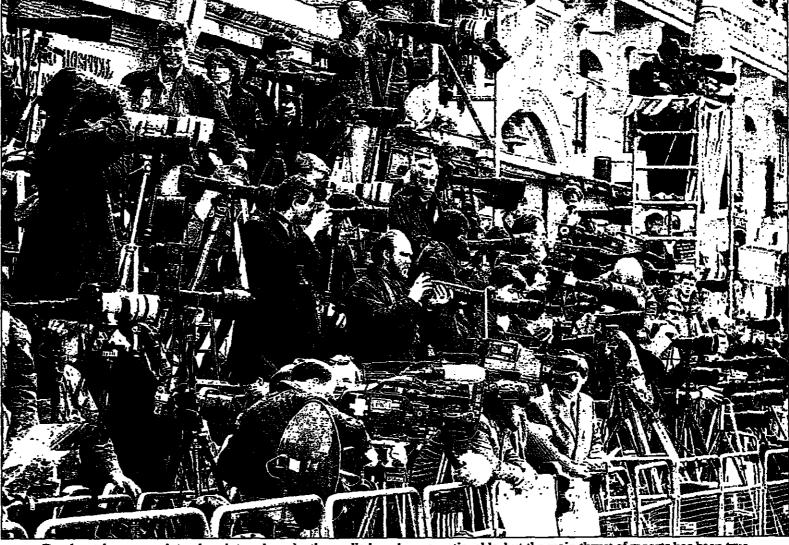
IN SEVEN years as the Press Association's court correspondent I watched the media obsession with the Wales's marriage until it peaked with last summer's sensational headlines. Both the prince and princess have said that they would prefer their marriage difficulties to remain their own

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an expression of a forlorn hope. Both no doubt realise that the media scrutiny will not lessen in the short term.

During the past year, the sentiment regularly and keenly expressed by their legions of supporters was: "Why can't they be left alone to get on with their job?" Perhaps now they



Royal watchers: some intrusions into privacy by the media have been questionable, but the main thrust of reports has been true

Pressure grows for curb on media intrusion

By MELINDA WITTSTOCK MEDIA CORRESPONDENT

CALLS for new privacy legislation to curb press intrusion into private lives are expected to intensify as a result of yesterday's royal separation. Long-range cameras, para-bolic microphones. two-way radios and a clutch of deter mined tabloid reporters put the royal marriage under unrelenting public scrutiny.

MPs are also increasingly anxious to prevent journalists from using such devices to hound ministers out of office. particularly after a telephone tap exposed David Mellor's affair with Antonia de Sancha and led to the former heritage secretary's resignation in September.

Last week the Commons national heritage select committee expressed its concern at the use of such equipment to obtain news and photographs. Gerald Kaufman, Labour MP and chairman of

it was proper for journalists to resort to such techniques when the police needed the authorisation of the home secretary to tap a telephone

The wedding of the prince and princess marked a watershed in royal reporting. Fu-elled by tabloid circulation

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wars and aided by the public's fascination with every step the couple took, covering the royals turned from a quiet backwater for the most deferential of journalists to a money spinner for the most ambitious.

But it was the publication. in June of Andrew Morton's controversial biography of the princess, Diana: Her True Story, that heightened the tension of the Queen's "annus horribilis".

Alleging that the Princess's unhappy marriage had led Mr Morton, a former Daily Star reporter, a multi-millionaire. The tabloid reporting inspired by his revelations from The Sun's tapes of the princess's conversations with a male admirer who called her 'Squidgy" to the existence of

a similar recording said to be of intimacies between the prince and Camilla Parker-Bowles — has also weighted the odds in favour of new privacy legislation to curb press intrusion into private

Yesterday the intrusion was continuing for Mrs Parker-Bowles, who left her home in Corsham, Wiltshire, under a police escort after complaining about reporters and photographers trespassing on her land. Police said that her neighbours also complained of being harassed.

David Calcutt, now con-

ducting a second enquiry into privacy and the press, is thought likely to recommend early next year that physical eavesdropping be made a civil offence applying to everyone, not just journalists. Two years ant and distressing, and indeed I am concerned about the tone of some of the royal reporting, but I don't see how ago he recommended that it be made a criminal offence for reporting the news." only for journalists.

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After the serialisation of the

Morton book by The Sunday

Times, the commission con-

demned "prurient" royal re-porting as "an odious exhibition of journalists dab-

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Four decades ago the Duke

of Edinburgh summed up

royal displeasure with the

press most succinctly. "God

save us from those bloody

vultures," he muttered as he

strode through a throng of reporters and photographers

during a royal tour of the Pacific in 1954. His senti-

ments have been echoed over

the years by his sons and

daughter at moments of maxi-

blic exposure

the throne".

Last night tabloid editors and royal reporters were too busy preparing today's editions to comment on what role their newspapers had in bringing about the separa-tion, but they have steadiastly denied acting in anything other than the public interest in exposing the royal rift. Lord McGregor of Durris,

chairman of the Press Complaints Commission, said it puzzled him greatly that anyone should seek to blame the tabloids for royal marital woes. "I cannot predict whether this will hasten the arrival of privacy law or not, but I do not believe for one moment that it is within capacity of tabloid or broadsheet newspapers to destroy the stability of good

marriages.

over topless pictures PROM CHARLES BREMNER

Damages

for duchess

A FRENCH court yesterday ordered a photographer and the publishers of Paris Match to pay £84,000 to the Duchess of York and John Bryan, her American financial adviser, for taking poolside photo-

graphs of them without their

permission last summer.

The duchess and Mr Bryan had sued Daniel Angeli and Cogedipresse, the parent company of Paris Match, under the strict French law of privacy after they published photographs of the duchess relaxing topless with Mr Bryan by the swimming pool of a villa at Bormes-les-Mimosas on the Côte d'Azure. The duchess's lawyers employed a private detective to prove that M Agneli took the photographs The manager of a local hotel gave testimony to the court at Nanterre, near Paris, in October that M Angeli had stayed there at the time of the

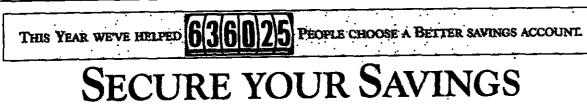
duchess's visit The court ordered the defendants to pay 350,000 francs (£42,000) each to the duchess and Mr Bryan. The photographs appeared in hundreds of publications around the world, precipitating the duch-ess's fall from grace.

The damages were a small fraction of the £1.32 million that the duchess and Mr Bryan had each sought from the court. The judges said that they were limiting the award to injury suffered by the two from the breach to the "intimacy of their private life" in France only. The two had asked the court to consider the worldwide impact.

The payout equals the previous record for such damages in France, where awards are usually low. The duchess's damages, after legal fees, are to go to charity. The court severely criticised

M Agneli and Paris Match. whose circulation soared from 800,000 to 1.25 million with the sensational spread of pictures. The court said that the magazine had "blatantly intended to damage" the duchess's reputation for purely commercial ends. M Angeli denied taking the pictures.

The court was told at an earlier hearing that the duchess's life had been "shattered and her reputation left in





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Cabinet tells Major to lift threat from most pits on closure list

BY PHILIP WEBSTER AND JILL SHERMAN

JOHN Major is to be told by senior cabinet colleagues that most of the pit dosures announced in October will have to be shelved at the end of Michael Heseltine's review

early next year.
Influential ministers have concluded that neither the Conservative party in the country nor Tory MPs will stomach closures on anything like the scale proposed seven weeks ago before the board of trade president was forced to retreat in the face of the biggest backbench outcry in 13 years of Tory government.

The issue has aroused more concern throughout the Conservative party than any other in recent years, according to informed sources. Some 2,000 letters a day were being received at Conservative central office at the height of a crisis that was calmed only by Mr Heseltine's announcement of a reprieve, pending an enquiry, for 21 of the 31 pits

scheduled for closure.

The Times disclosed this week that the Commons trade and industry committee, which has been conducting a parallel investigation, will recommend in January that a "significant" number of the

Yesterday it emerged that both the government review and the committee enquiry are examining proposals that would result in at least 14 of the 21 pits being reprieved as a result of moves to increase the market for coal by 15 million tonnes.

Sources close to Mr Heseltine are convinced that he wants the government package to be broadly in line with that put forward by the Conservative-dominated committee so as to get the revamped plan through the Commons. They say that most of the evidence to the govern-ment's review has been passed to the committee and that most Labour MPs on it accept that some of the pits will have

Tory committee members are pressing for privatisation of some of the ten pits outside the government review. Some also argue that about four of the pits should be mothballed.

Mr Heseltine will try to avoid accusations of a climbdown by insisting that the debate has now changed to whether the coal market can be increased. The intitial decisions by British Coal were correct when made, given that there was no prospect of more

coal contracts, he will argue. Mr Heseltine disclosed on Tuesday, in a letter to the committee chairman, Richard Caborn, that a wide series of measures are being considered by the review team to extend the coal market. These include support for the industry through subsidies or a levy

on electricity consumers and legislation to encourage generators to burn more coal.

Mr Heseltine, whose reputation for political surefootedness took a battering after the original announcement, is believed by colleagues to be determined not to make the same mistake again.

Ministers sympathetic to Mr Heseltine blame the Treasury for forcing the pit closure programme forward and requiring him to announce the closures in one instalment. They argue that if the government had persisted with a step-by-step approach, most of the furore would have been avoided. Nevertheless, ministers involved in the decision admit that it was "bodged" and that they failed to foresee the strength of antipathy to it. Tory MPs on the committee

believe that many of the 21 pits can reduce their costs by changing working practices.

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Coal face: a miner at the Markham Main and Bentley pits in Nottinghamshire, in an industry facing a reprieve

Recession led banker to suicide

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A BANKER, Ian Miller, who worked in John Major's constituency, killed himself because he could not cope with the pressure of dealing with problems of small

An inquest heard that Mr Miller, 34, of Earith, Cam-bridgeshire, had worked at Bardays Bank since the age of 16 and had risen to the post of corporate manager at a branch in Huntingdon.

But the strain of being in charge of small business accounts became too much for the father of three. He walked out of his home for a breath of fresh air" and drove to a beauty spot, where he drank most of a bottle of whisky and asphyxiated himself with fumes from the car's exhaust.

His manager, Jean Temple, told the inquest in Hunting don: "It's a tough job at the moment. There is a bit of an anti-bank campaign going on and it worried lan. Like all bank managers the workload was heavy.'

The coroner, David Morris, recording a verdict of suicide. said there was a tendency to blame banks for difficulties without realising the effect it could have on bank staff.

Tourist raped on beach

FROM MICHAEL HAMLYN

A BRITISH tourist has been raped on a beach south of Durban in South Africa. The woman, aged 44, was sitting to read a book on some rocks at 8.30am on Tuesday when she was dragged into bushes by two young men armed with a knife and a screwdriver. They forced her to strip and then took turns to rape her.

The woman was on holiday caravan park at Illovo Beach. 15 miles south of Durban. The area is close to the troubled black township of Umgababa, in a district that was officially declared an area of unrest last month.

The woman told police that she had taken a stroll on the beach and had sat on the rocks to read when she was attacked. She was taken to the nearby Kingsway hospital and treated

A week ago two British women were murdered in Natal, further north. Julie Godwin and Elizabeth Over. both 30, were also attacked on a beach. They died of stab wounds.

In September, another tourist. Andre de Kock, from Pretoria, was killed when he disturbed thieves in his tent in Sodwana, a Natal Parks Board resort. His mother, Shelagh Nation, has written to a Pietermaritzburg newspaper urging people to stop going to such areas until law and order has been estab-

lished there.

Major Coert Marais, of the
South African police, advised
tourists last night not to stroll alone along secluded beaches.

Council 'tried to

By RICHARD FORD

A LABOUR local authority took legal action against the media and Conservative opponents in an attempt to gag criticism of its activities, it

was alleged yesterday.

Derbyshire County Council had gone to extraordinary lengths in using libel laws to counter attack by MPs and Times Newspapers, Anthony Lester QC, for Times Newspapers, told law lords. "What is libel laws by this political body. It is not a body which has been respectful of the need for full freedom of

The council had also brought libel proceedings against Edwina Currie, the former health minister, and Phillip Oppenheim, a Conservative MP, and had threatened to bring proceedings against a local newspaper and

Lords that local newspapers, with their limited financial resources, would be particularly vulnerable if councils

ing the judgment would allow newspapers a field day at the expense of those administering local affairs. The hearing continues today.

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an opposition councillor. Mr Lester told an appellate committee of the House of

were allowed to sue for libel. The council is contesting an appeal court judgment that

ment departments do not have the right to protect their reputations by suing for libel. The hearing arose from two reports in The Sunday Times Charles Gray QC, for the council, has said that uphold-

Husband next door must leave at dusk

By Lin Jenkins

MILLIONAIRE who bought the house next to his estranged wife in the hope of a reconciliation has been ordered by a court to leave each day at sunset.

Bill Garwood is allowed to visit during daylight hours only to mow the lawn, wash the windows and pick up his mail. Hereford County Court says he must spend the night

Mr Garwood decided to woo back his wife Anne when she left him after 31 years of marriage. It took two years and £50,000 spent on private detectives before he traced her to Leominster in Hereford and Worcester.

Knowing that it could take some time before her feelings softened, he arranged to buy the house next door. But when his wife discovered he was moving in last June she was furious.

"I thought if I got next door we might go out for a meal, get on the grounds of mental talking and perhaps get back cruelty and desertion.

together," Mr Garwood said from his other home in Guernsey yesterday.

A court hearing due in February will give him the chance to contest the restraining order, which prevents him pestering his wife and stipulates that he must leave the £68,000 house at dusk. Mrs Garwood refused to comment.

The couple married on Valentine's day 1959 and built up a thriving shop-fitting business in north London. In 1987 Mr Garwood sold the company and became a millionaire. Retirement brought the £500,000 home in Guernsey and luxury holidays. But in the late 1980s the couple fell out over their son Martin's choice of girl friend. Mrs Garwood finally left the island and asked friends not to tell

her husband where she was. She has filed for divorce on grounds of violence and mental cruelty. He has petitioned



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Sikh temple comes under attack as Asian communities try to ease tension

Muslim leaders blame nazis for violence

By Nicholas Watt

A MOSQUE and a Sikh temple came under attack for the first time as violence in Britain's Asian community escalated yesterday following destruction of the Ayodhya mosque in India on Sunday.

Hindus and Muslims gave a warning that animosity in India was spreading to Britain. Leaders of the country's two million Muslims held an emergency meeting to appeal for calm. Pir Abdul Wahab Siddiqui, president of the International Muslims' Organisation, said Muslims were not responsible for attacks on Hindu temples in Britain and claimed right-wing groups

may have been involved.

"We have had letters from nazi groups about the incidents and they are trying to create violence and take advantage of the situation," he said. "Even Muslim hot-heads are restraining themselves. We have had no signs they are involved and we respect each others' places of worship."

Dr. Kalim Siddimi, leader

of the self-styled Muslim Parliament, told the meeting in London, which brought together imams from mosques around Britain, that Muslims had never been responsible for such violence. "Even with emotions running high during the Salman Rushdie affair, we hardly ever broke a window," he said. "We must keep our record of being

zens of this country."

As Islamic scholars and religious leaders appealed for calm, police were questioning a man about an arson attack on a mosque in east London. Minor damage was caused after petrol was poured through a broken window.

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after petrol was poured through a broken window.

Three Hindu temples in West Yorkshire, an Indian Workers' Association building and a chemist shop run by a leading member of Vishwa Hindu Parishad, the world council of Hindus, were damaged by suspicious fires.

yesterday that the violence and indiscriminate killing in India had soured their relations in Britain. Zulfikhar Malik, a Muslim shopkeeper, said that before destruction of the Ayodhya mosque, people in Southall did not take any notice of others' religion. "But now people hold grudges on the basis of their religious beliefs. This is more widespread among older people who came from India and Pakistan."

India is mainly between Hindus and Muslims, arsonists attacked a Sikh temple in Luton. Bedfordshire, yesterday, causing £50,000 of damage. Sodhi Ram, president of the Ravidass community in Luton, said: "What troubles there are in India should not be brought to this country. We should live in peace and not disturb other religions because of what is happening in a faraway country."



IRA victim loses legs after 'punishment'

The victim of an IRA punishment shooting was on a life support machine in Londonderry yesterday after both his legs were amputated. The RUC said the 36-year-old Roman Catholic was in a critical condition after being shot in both legs by several masked men who burst into his house in Shantallow on Tuesday night. The IRA issued a statement after the attack saying that it had carried out the shooting. There have been more than 100 so-called punishment shootings carried out by Loyalist and republican groups in Northern Ireland this year.

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The IRA detonnated three bombs in the centre of Belfast yesterday, causing damage but no injuries. The first exploded just before 10.30am in a hijacked car parked in a multi-storey car park over the Victoria shopping centre. There had been a warning and the area had been cleared. A second device in a car on the floor below exploded half an hour later without warning. About an hour later two masked men, one with a gun, carried a device into an electrical shop and told customers and staff they had ten minutes to leave. It exploded outside 15 minutes later.

Courts racially biased

The home secretary has instructed officials to consider ethnic monitoring throughout the criminal justice system after research for the Commission for Racial Equality showed that courts deal with black defendants more harshly than whites and are more likely to give them a jail sentence. A survey of 3,300 cases heard in West Midlands crown courts during 1989 found that Afro-Caribbean males stood a 17 per cent greater chance of a jail sentence than whites. Asians had an 18 per cent smaller chance.

Fears for children's TV

Shrinking programme budgets and increased competition for high ratings have reduced the range and quality of children's television, the Broadcasting Standards Council said in a report published yesterday. Original drama, preschool and factual programmes were particularly at risk. The report also found that children are tuning into satellite channels in greater numbers than adults.

☐ A colour television licence will cost £83 from April, a rise of £3. Black and white licences go up by £1 to £27.50.

CBI calls for new M25

Traffic congestion costs British industry more than £15 billion a year, the Confederation of British Industry said yesterday, as it called for a new motorway to provide an alternative to the M25. The proposal would create an outer ring around the M25, from Dover to Southampton, then north along an upgraded A34 to Oxford and eastwards via Aylesbury in Buckinghamshire to the east coast ports. Black and Decker estimated that its Slough factory lost £1.25 million a year because of traffic jams.

Paedophile jailed

Lennie Smith, right, was jailed for ten years by the Old Bailey for sexually abusing a boy aged six. Detectives said outside the court that he was part of a paedophile ring. Smith, 38, was found guilty on specimen charges of gross indecency and sexual assants on a neighbour's son eight years ago. He completed a three-year sentence in October for sexual assault on a boy aged 13.



Christmas adverts

The Church of England has launched a Christmas poster and radio advertising campaign in 22 counties across England amid internal conflict over the freeing of restrictions on religious advertising on radio and television. A church working party is investigating how to reconcile Christian ethics with the morals of marketing.

Stabbing sentence

A young mother who stabbed a stranger in the street after asking him the time was sentenced yesterday to eight years' detention by the High Court in Edinburgh. Suzanne Craig's victim, Andrew Hop, lost half the blood in his body and nearly died. Craig, 20, asked Mr Hop: "Have you ever been stabbed in public before . . . would you enjoy it?"

Young drivers polled

Young people may be more aware of the dangers of drink driving than older generations, according to a survey by the Portman Group, which showed 75 per cent of 18 to 25-year-olds would abstain completely before driving. The figures showed 94 per cent would try to prevent others from driving if they thought they were over the limit.

Bottomley hits at GPs who invest savings

By JEREMY LAURANCE, HEALTH SERVICES CORRESPONDENT

FAMILY doctors who have refused to pay back huge windfall savings made in the first year of the fund-holding scheme were rebuked yesterday by Virginia Bottomley, the health secretary.

She accused the GPs, who have made savings of up to £280,000 on their budgets for buying drugs and hospital services, of being irresponsible. Many have insisted on keeping the savings to invest in their practices, in some cases increasing the value of premises they own, while health authorities are having to cut back on routine hospital treatment for patients because they are running out of money.

Speaking at the first national conference of GP fund-holders in Birmingham, Mrs Bottomley said some budgets had been set incorrectly. "Regions do not have the right to demand the return of savings and I would be extremely reluctant, frankly, to give them such a right," she said. "But it should equally be clear to us all that the responsible approach for fund-holders is to agree to

return any part of their savings

which are due to incorrect budget-setting." GPs are prevented from

ors are prevenied from pocketing the savings directly. They must be invested for the benefit of patients. But they are allowed to set up private companies to hire their own services or those of consultants to provide minor surgery and other specialist treatments, paying themselves the fee.

However, a health department official told the conference that this loophole would be closed. "There are real concerns about the accountability and monitoring of private companies, and ministers are looking for alternatives. If you don't have a private company now it is not worthwhile setting one up."

The number of fund-hold-

ing practices is expected to double to more than 1,000 next April, and to cover half the population of England by 1995. But Roger Dyson, professor of health care management at the University of Keele, said that most of the growth would come in prosperous areas, leaving a second-class GP service operating in the inner cities.



Fairer North Sea fishing slips through the net

By MICHAEL HORNSBY AGRICULTURE CORRESPONDENT

THE 24-hour blockade of the Highland harbour of Loch-inver by Scottish fishermen and the street entertainments planned by trawlermen for EC heads of government arriving in Edinburgh tomorrow are symptoms of the strains pushing the Community's common fisheries policy (CFP) to the verge of collapse.

Set up ten years ago with the laudable aim of balancing catches with sustainable stocks of fish, the CFP has proved almost as deeply flawed as its more notorious sister, the common agricultural policy.

Each December, EC fisheries ministers meet in Brussels to fix "total allowable catches" (Tacs) for more than a hundredspecies of fish for the coming year. These are divided into catch quotas for each member state. Britain is given around 80 per cent of quotas for the main North Sea species. In 1987, a rapid decline started in stocks of the main North Sea species, including cod and haddock, on which British fishermen de■ Action by irate Scottish crews is helping to push the deeply flawed common fisheries policy to the point of collapse

over-fishing and expansion of fishing fleets, and partly on climatic and environmental

Catch quotas have been drastically pruned. This year. Britain was allocated a catch of 43,220 tonnes of cod and 42.640 tonnes of haddock in the North Sea, compared with 71,000 tonnes and 128,500 tonnes three years earlier. Competition between fishermen has intensified and illegal landings of over-quota fish have soared, particularly in Scottish ports.

This year Scottish trawler-men over-fished in the early part of the year and ran out of quota about a month ago. while French vessels, who bly, are still able to land fish. This has highlighted serious flaws in the Tac system, not least the huge waste of fish it entails. About half the fish caught in the North Sea each

bizarre consequence of a system supposed to conserve fish

Most trawlermen fish for more than one species. When a skipper has exhausted his haddock and whiting quota he may still have cod quota left to fish. Any haddock and whiting he hauls in along with the cod cannot legally be landed and has to be thrown out. Almost all discards are dead by the time they are returned to the sea. A 1985 study found that of 960 million haddock caught in the North Sea, 460 million were thrown back

Various ways have been suggested for making Tacs less of a blunt instrument and extra conservation measures. such as increasing net mesh size to allow juvenile fish to escape, have been tried. But many experts feel that there are too many vessels chasing too few fish.

accept this view and have committed themselves to reduce the size of their fishing fleets over the next three years. Britain has promised to cut the tonnage and engine capacity of its fleet by 19 per cent. But these commitments are volun-tary. In 1986 Britain undertook to reduce its fleet by 3 per cent by 1991 but actually allowed it to expand by 20 per

Michael Holden, former head of the European Commission's fish conservation unit, believes Tacs should be abandoned and unrestricted fishing should be allowed by a much reduced EC fishing fleet. "The best way of control-ling the number of boats would be through a licensing system run centrally from Brussels. Licence fees could be used to fund research and the retraining of fishermen made

The government is pushing through Parliament the Sea Fish (Conservation) Bill which will enable it to limit the number of days British fishermen can spend at sea. Fishermen say that this would leave their waters open for



Woman in a whirl: Melanie Sawyer, 23, swirls into action in a Marks & Spencer dress during rehearsals for the Clothes Show Live, which opens at Earl's Court, London, today. The models will have about 12,000 outfit changes over six days

Bingham confirms decision on Bland

By KATE ALDERSON

THE Court of Appeal yester-day confirmed that doctors should be allowed to switch off Tony Bland's feeding mach-ine, in line with the High Court ruling last month. Sir Thomas Bingham, Mas-

ter of the Rolls, said that Mr Bland, 21, who has been in a persistent vegetative state since the Hillsborough stadium disaster more than three and a half years ago, would want to be remembered as a "cheerful. carefree, gregarious teenager and not an object of pity". Sir Thomas said that the court was entitled to make an assessment of Mr Bland's best interests "viewed through his

eyes".

The "presumption in favour of life" could therefore be balanced against other factors, such as how Mr Bland would like to be remembered and what he would think of the "constant invasions and hu-miliations to which his inert body is subject".

The parents of Mr Bland are now only one step away from a final decision on whether their son can "die with dignity as they have 🏓

The case is being taken to the House of Lords next week by the official solicitor appointed by a court to act on Mr

Bland's behalf. Sir Thomas said that he was trying to "look at the matter through Tony's eyes and not my own; I cannot conceive what benefit his continued existence could be thought to

Sir Thomas emphasised that the case was not about euthanasia or about "putting down" the old and infirm, the mentally defective or the physically imperfect. "It has nothing to do with the eugenic practices associated with fascist Germany," he said.

Most Times readers will have grown used to policemen getting younger. But the news that the next president's mother is an Elvis fan means that time is now hopelessly out of kilter with one's expecta-Any news of the Princess Royal also upsets me.

Until quite recently, I conered ner 1211, 1217 06dei than me, yet the newspapers insist she is still only Forty-two is the age 1 will be in seven years' time. Seven years ago I was 28, the princess was at

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THERE is one detail that haunts me about this

year's American presiden-tial election: the musical taste of the Clinton family. As Bill Clinton is appre-

ciably younger than

George Bush, you would expect his musical tastes to hover around the early

years of rock and roll, which, in America, means Elvis Presley. But no! It is Mr Clinton's mother who

is the Elvis fan.

least 47 and the minimum age for a president was 75. Mr Clinton's mum has a lot to answer for.

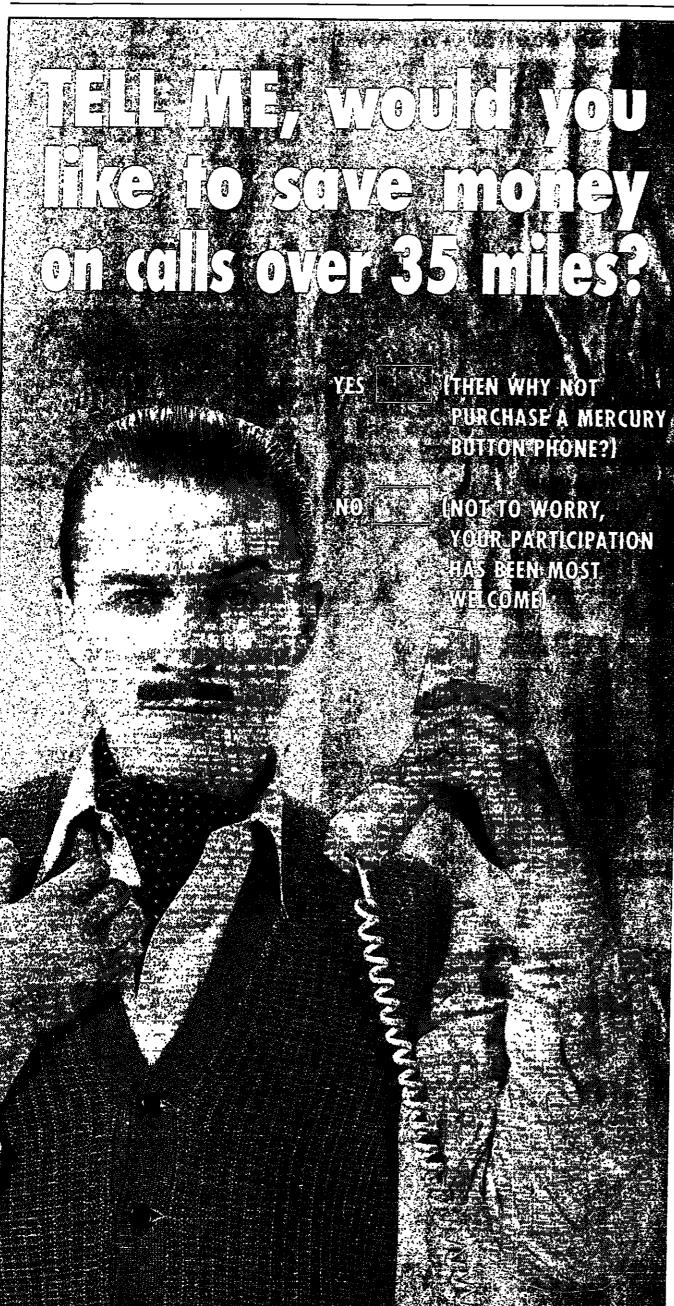
The photograph accompanying a report on December 5 headed "Mussolini grand-daughter seeks cash to buy II Duce's home" was not that of the house in which he was born, as the caption incorrectly stated, but one in which he briefly lived at the end of his

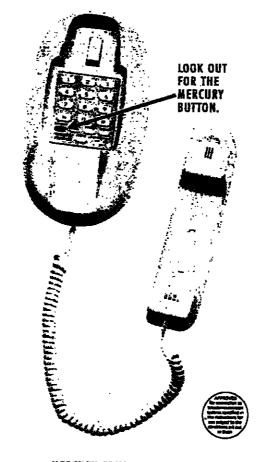
report on December headed "BR bribes case collapses" incorrectly stated that Mr Norbert Jurasek and Mr Michael Brooks were former executives of Plasser Railway Machinery (GB) Ltd. In fact they are, and have been throughout the trial in which they were acquitted on the direction of the judge, managing director and company secretary respectively.



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£1bn saving promised in fraud crackdown

PETER Lilley, the social secunity secretary yesterday outlined details of a crackdown on benefit fraud which he claimed would raise £1 billion

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next year. Mr Lilley's latest target — in a programme which is set to double this year's savings - is housing benefit and council tax fraud.

Mr Lilley said that a further £10 million a year would be spent on more modern methods of fraud prevention and detection, including computer systems to cross-check claims.

Mr Lilley told the all-party social security select committee that more than £500 million would be saved from fraud this year. "We hope there wil be additional savings from housing benefit and council tax benefit fraud next year. Future savings are expected to be nearer £1 billion."

Mr Lilley also revealed that £85 million worth of stolen or lost order books were cashed every year - a large propor-tion of the £130 million worth of those reported missing each year. He claimed that gangs went round stealing order

books and then cashing them. From next April local authorities will be given extra incentives to investigate bene-fit fraud by keeping some of the savings made. Next year they will be able to retain 20

per cent of the savings and the following year 17.5 per cent. Subsequently this will drop to 15 per cent.

In evidence to the committee Mr Lilley says that the extra measures, could save the taxpayer £185 million in the first year, in addition to £45 million kept by local

At present local authorities are only reimbursed 25 per cent for fraudulent payments giving them a disincentive to chase fraudsters. In future local councils will get the full payments back. "This will further encourage local authorities to carry out more fraud work, by removing any unintended arrangements which deter them from identi-fying fraud," he said. Mr Lilley told the commit-

tee that he would not have been able to uprate all benefits in the Autumn Statement unless he had promised to deliver on fraud. Without this greater effort we would not have been able to uprate the benefits that we did uprate."

Mr Lilley also gave details on how he expected to save £240 million on invalidity benefit in the next three years Examining doctors will be asked to provide further details of patients' medical conditions in an attempt to sift out any claimants who are not

eligible for the benefit. About 260,000 people are examined by benefit agency doctors ev-ery year put of 1.35 million benefit claimants.

benefit claimants.

Mr Lilley said that claimants would be given more advance warning before having to attend medical examinations, but the gave a warning that if they failed to provide a good reason for not turning up, they risked being disqualified from benefit. At present 50,000 claimants a year fail to turn up for their

The social security secretary

was questioned on how he managed to secure a full uprating of benefits and whether this had been traded for future benefit reforms. Mr Lilley denied that he was planning an overall review of welfare benefits. However, he did not rule out reforms in some areas and suggested that there would be more targeting on poorer groups. "We want to make sure that money goes to the people that Parliament identified it to go to and to see whether the legislative frame-work needs reviewing to channel it better," he said.



Leading from the front: Virginia Bottomley, the health secretary, launches a report on the contribution of women in the management of health care. The report, which includes case studies of top women managers, is part of the NHS management executive's contribution to the government's Opportunity 2000 programme

Fears of French invasion

By JONATHAN PRYNN

F THE Channel tunnel was not enough to enrage con-firmed little Englanders, the prospect of French-operated train services reaching deep into the heart of London will surely convince them that the entire project is nothing more

than a post-Napoleonic plot. That possibility was raised at yesterday's session of the Commons transport select committee, at which a succession of articulate foreign railwaymen poured scorn on the rail privatisation plans. Claude Boutté, deputy direc-tor of the international affairs department of SNCF, the French state rail operator, said the company had more than enough investment projects in France to consider building the link between the tunnel and London. Asked about the possibility of operating the link, his Gallic shrug of a renty was "why not".

of a reply was "why not". Robert Adley, the Tory chairman, said he was becoming very depressed by the contrast between "the highspeed modern link on the French side and the botchedup Victorian railway on the British side".

Health department denies 'collusion'

By JILL SHERMAN

THE health department yes-terday rallied to the defence of Marion Roe, chairman of the Commons health committee, after MPs accused her of colluding with the department by planning to give ministers advance copies of a committee

report on NHS trusts.

The health department did not deny that they would get an early copy but said this was "above board" and provided for under House of Commons

standing orders.

The allegations made by
Labour MPs on the health
committee are now being considered by Betty Boothroyd. the Speaker, as possible contempt. Alice Mahon, the Labour MP for Halifax and a member of the committee on th, has submitted a formal complaint to the Speaker - on Miss Boothroyd's instructions - alleging that there was a collusion "at the highest level" between the health committee

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and the health department.
Yesterday Mrs Roe cited Standing Order 116 of the House of Commons which states that "all select committees have the power to authorise the Clerk of the House to supply copies of their reports to offices of government departments ... not

more than 48 hours before the intended time of publication." The health department



Mahon: complained to the Speaker

said: "We would agree with the remarks made by Mrs Roe. We don't accept that we have behaved in an improper way. It is provided for in standing orders and is official practice." Ms Mahon said the committee would normally give the report 24 hours in advance to lobby journalists

but not to ministers. Evidence that ministers were expecting to get an early copy came from a health department memo claiming that the department would receive a copy of the commit-tee's report into NHS trusts "a few days before publication".
The memo, a copy of which was sent to Ms Mahon anonymously, gave detailed plans of how civil servants and ministers could prepare a quick response if the rep critical. Members of the Torydominated committee are said to be divided on the report, which will be published on December 16, and there is likely to be a minority report

from Labour MPs. Ms Mahon has also written to the Commons privileges committee asking it to summon Marion Roe and Virginia Bottomley, the health secretary, to explain why health ministers would get

advance warning.

The memo, from Jamie
Nevin of the ministry's parliamentary unit, is dated December 2 and has been sent to David Lye, head of the NHS Trust unit. Copies have been circulated to health ministers' special advisers and partiamentary private secretaries. Although it predicts a publication day of early January 1993, the memo says. "We shall get confidential advance copies a few days before." Referring to an attached procedural note, it says: "You will see that lines to take will be needed by ministers and the press office as soon as possible before publication. A draft press release may also be needed if the report is hostile."

Ministers criticised over power sell-off

By Sheila Gunn, political correspondent

AN INFLUENTIAL TONdominated committee of MPs implicitly criticised ministers yesterday by complaining that the 12 regional electricity companies were sold too cheaply.

The Commons public accounts committee said that taxpayers should have benefited from the higher than expected profits made by the companies after the £16.1 billion privatisation.

The committee said: "It is clear that the companies' profit forecasts would also have had a material affect on sale prices and that such forecasts were overly cautious and subject to uncertainties.

We consider that it would not have been unreasonable for the taxpayer to have shared in the higher than expected profits for the first year." Officials told the committee

that prospects of a Gulf war affected their decisions on the timing and sale prices. But the

committee pointed out that very little electricity was generated by oil.

The MPs also complained that there was no competition for 16 out of the 53 advisers appointed by the department to handle the sale.

In addition they were alarmed at number of small investors who have now sold their shares. The total level of shareholdings had fallen from nine million to three million since flotation, showing that the government had failed to widen and deepened share ownership.

Some 32 per cent of shareholders were tempted by the incentives offered in December 1990 at the time of the sale, the report added.

House of Commons committee of public accounts 16th report: The sale of the 12 regional electricity companies (Stationery Office, £10.75).

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BRINGING TELEVISION

By Sheila Gunn and Arthur Leathley

BARONESS Thatcher urged Major yesterday to stand firm against China's threats over the future of Hong Kong when she supported proposals from the governor, Chris Patten, to introduce more democracy into the colony before the 1997 hand-over. In contrast to her forthright,

and unusual, support for the Major government, two former governors criticised Mr Patten's handling of relations with Peking and warned of the long-term dangers for the colony.

Lady Thatcher made it clear

that agreement with China was "desirable" to ensure a smooth hand-over in 1997. But in the last resort ... it is Britain which has the responsibility for governing Hong Kong up to 1997," she said in the Lords debate on the future of the colony.

The best and most helpful stance which we in this House can take is to support the governor, to reiterate our sincere wish to proceed by agreement with China, but make it clear that this cannot be at the expense of what we believe to

She insisted that there was no reason why Mr Patten's proposals should harm relations with China: they were

modest, open to discussion and in line with the joint declaration and the basic law. Although her relations with Mr Patten were frequently cool when in government, she praised him as a "new, imaginative and competent governor" who had acted with great warned Bill Clinton, the American president-elect, not to introduce trade sanctions in protest at human rights abuses in China. "I believe it would be profoundly misguided for an incoming American administration to try to put pressure on China over human rights by restricting trade. That would hit hardest at precisely the wrong people,"

she said. In his maiden speech Lord Wilson, the last governor of Hong Kong, made clear his alarm at his successor's stance. He hoped others would put forward alternative proposals for democratic changes in the colony which met with approval in Hong Kong and China. "It cannot be good for Hong Kong or China in the long run to have a long-running dis-pute of this sort," he said.

The Chinese and British governments were criticised by Baroness Dunn, a senior member of the Hong Kong executive council, for depriv-



ing the people of the colony of a voice in their future. "The people of Hong Kong are faced yet again with paying the price for a dispute which is not of their making. Once again we endure the frustration of standing by helplessly while our affairs are discussed

by others," she said. She said that Mr Patten's proposals had "triggered a barrage of hostile statements and propaganda", instead of forming the basis of dialogue. The result had been investor confidence being shaken, a slump in the stock market and professional people were again considering emigrating.

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Hong Kong had to be allowed to choose what was best for itself. "The British and Chinese governments must be prepared to go as far as the community is prepared to go, no further, but no less far." She pressed both coun-

across the negotiating table, not through loudhailers". Lord MacLehose of Beoch, former governor of Hong Kong, accused Mr Patten of contravening the spirit of the 1990 agreement between Britain and China. He criticised the governor for making his proposals known via the

media rather than through

tries to "iron out difficulties

normal diplomatic channels. although he said that he may have been prompted by frus-tration at the ineffectiveness of Sino-British relations.

Baroness Chalker, the foreign affairs minister, said it was not the governor's proposals that had unsettled the Hong Kong stock market but China's "increasingly strident propaganda attacks". She agreed with Lord Geddes, who opened the debate, that "the sooner the megaphones

are put away the better". There was no change in the government's desire fully to implement the terms of the 1984 joint declaration and work closely with the Chinese government "to ensure a smooth transition in Hong Kong", Lady Chalker said.

The governor's proposals resentation for the people of Hong Kong were just that, proposals, she insisted. If the Chinese government objected to them, the most constructive course they could take would be to put forward suggestions of their own. They would have to be made soon as draft legislation would need to be completed early next year or any new arrangements could not be in place for the district board elections in 1994.

Keeping a smile on the tiger's face

M andarin and kow-tow are two of the few Chinese words adopted by English, and both sum up an attitude that successive senior British policy advisers are accused displaying towards

Much of the Chinese anger at the proposals for wider democracy in Hong Kong by Chris Patten, the governor, stems from the sharp break in policy this refusal to pay obeisance represents. Since the tri-umph of Mao Tse-tungs communists in 1949, and especially since the cultural revolution in 1967, Britain has been wary of antagonising a power that has re-mained both mysterious and as far as Hong Kong is concerned, directly threatening to British interests.

Successive governments, conscious of the dangers of blundering into decisions whose hidden consequences could be disastrous, have relied heavily on the small pool of people who can offer expert advice: the China hands. These are mostly high-flying career diplomats, but the Foreign Office has also been influenced by distinguished academics

Regional experts are involved in policy-making in all areas, but few identify with their field as closely as the China-watchers, or make as many allowances for different standards and ways of thinking. Few indeed — except perhaps the Arabists — are as frequently accused of going native. China demands an un-

usual dedication and intensity. The language alone can take four years to master. Those who break through into the Chinese and, in addition, communist - mindset feel impelled to explain Chinese actions in this context, and make allowances for it.

Two things have increased the influence of China experts over the past 30 years: the cultural revolution and the end of the British empire. The burning of the British embassy in Peking in 1967 was a traumatic event for the Foreign Office. It reinforced the belief that Britain could not deal with an angry China. It may also have convinced some that such thuggish behaviour was so extreme that there was no point in a confrontaas the Chinese were always ready to go to extremes. This explains why some sinologists are regarded as

The end of empire else-where in the world meant the influence of colonial

administrators with region-

Much of the Chinese anger at proposals for wider democracy in Hong Kong stems from the refusal to pay obeisance, writes Michael Binyon

al expertise was diminished in the Foreign Office -Not only did this remaining colony's affairs become relatively more visible; but the vulnerability of Hong Kong to China was increasingly exposed, for this was the only colony not heading for independence but for a return to a country which already controlled its food and water lifelines.

Not all drew the conclusion that China must be handled with special care. Derek Davies, a former editor of The Far East Economic Review, says the insistence by Sir David Trench, the governor of Hong Kong during the cultural revolution, not to release detained leftwing extremists despite Foreign Office pleadings did not, in the end, cause the colony any harm. Peking finally retreated from its threats.

Douglas Hurd, the for-eign secretary, who trained as a China expert and learnt Mandarin, also appears to have drawn an early conclusion that a firm stand pays off. In his novel The Smile on the Face of the Tiger published in the early 1970s he showed how China could be confronted. As foreign secretary he has supported Mr Patten: his close relationship with the prime minister may also explain Mr Major's decision to take a more robust attitude to China than Mrs Thatcher.

The former prime minister was impressed by Sir Percy Cradock, the man most identified as the opponent of Mr Patten's policies, precisely because she saw him as tough and a man who negotiated with skill, getting the best deal for Britain over Hong Kong. Sir Percy has insisted that he advocates a policy most likely to achieve the results Britain wants, both in Hong Kong and in bilateral relations.

But opponents of the line he and other sinologists have taken say that events have moved on and the They say the collapse of communism and the other changes in 1990 and 1991 have meant that the Chinese themselves are now under pressure there is no need therefore for British policy to accommodate itself to the view in Peking.



Racial violence attacked

A measure to outlaw racist violence gained an unopposed formal first reading in the Commons yesterday. David Winnick, the Labour MP for Walsall North. introduced the racial violence bill, which would specifically make racial violence a criminal offence.

He said that in Britain there had been an alarming increase in violence, with at least four murders arising from racist attacks during the past year. "Thugs are thugs, regardless of colour, nationality or religion," he said. Mr Winnick's 10minute rule bill has little chance of becoming law because of lack of time.

Portrait back

The portrait of Baroness Thatcher at Westminster, on which a Hitler moustache appeared recently, has been restored and rehung, Ray Powell, chairman of the Commons accommodation and works committee, said.

TV cost rises

A colour TV licence will cost £83 from next April, Peter Brooke, the heritage secretary. said. The rise is based on the increase on the September RPI. A black and white licence will be £27.50.

In Parliament

Commons (2.30): Questions: Treasury; prime minister. Debate on coastal protection and

Lords (3): Agriculture bill committee, second day.

Fishermen warned of low stocks

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By ARTHUR LEATHLEY

The government will do everything possible to protect the fishing industry at next week's talks in Brussels and will oppose "unnecessary and inappropriate" EC proposals which would keep cod and haddock fishing boats tied up in harbour for ten days a tnonth, Sir Hector Monro said in the Commons last

night.
However, Sir Hector, the Scottish agriculture and fish-eries minister, said there need-ed to be close attention paid to conservation. Apart from haddock stocks, he said, "the general picture continues to be very worrying". There were several species whose allowa-ble catches could not be increased.

Opening the annual Com-mons debate on the fishing industry, Sir Hector referred to protests by Scottish fishermen against rules governing their carches. "We are well aware of the protests that have been going on in Lochinver and the Firth of Forth today and we understand them. But at the same time the fishermen must understand our difficulty in conceding more fish than

conservation will permit." For the Opposition, Gavin Strang protested at the "crisis" in the fishing industry, saying: "Prices have been low, quotas have been fished out, boars have been standing idle." He accused the government of having failed the fishermen.

The blockade at Lochinver is a timely manifestation of the frustration which now exists in the industry. Nobody in the Labour party wants to see action of this nature. But the incident does reflect the alltime low to which relations have fallen."

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Ministers shape budget compromise

Britain seeks to Win over Danes

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent, AND George Brock in Brussels

BRITAIN yesterday tabled fresh proposals designed to secure agreement at the Edinburgh summit on plans that will encourage the Danish people to accept the Maas-tricht treaty in a second referendum,

At the same time, ministers put the final touches to expected compromise proposals on the future financing of the European Community that John Major hopes will secure a breakthrough at the Council of Ministers' gathering tomorrow and Saturday.

The new document goes some way to meeting the concerns raised by Denmark on the original paper put forward by Britain last week However, in order to satisfy countries which felt that the initial plan made too many concessions to Denmark, the Edinburgh declaration will now look less like a treaty in its own right. It makes plain that the rest of the EC will move towards economic and political union irrespective of Denmark's desire for opt-outs on the single currency, defence, justice and citizenship provi-

sions of the Maastricht treaty. The proposals envisage a ormal safement by all 12 countries outlining how the dum, but the rest of the EC is EC intends to treat Denmark's adamant that there should be

LORD Tebbit, the former

Conservative chairman, has

told party activists that a complete failure of the Euro-

pean Community summit could be good for Britain.

He sad it had proved good

news for the country when the

government was forced to

leave the exchange rate mechanism in September. Lord Tebbit said: What we now

need is a bit more good luck.

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desire for special treatment; but there will also be a unilateral declaration by Denmark explaining how it will not be bound by some of the treaty provisions. Britain has amended its original plan to ensure that a special EC declaration on Denmark will have the status of a European Council decision rather than one taken under the framework of inter-governmental co-operation.

The summit will have to make decisions on the legal form of the special agreement being allowed for Denmark. Poul Schluter, the Danish prime minister, will insist that it has to be legally binding to enable him to put it to his country in a second referen-

Tebbit hopes for a weekend of failure

agree on any formula to sweet talk, bully and con the Danes

into accepting the servitude of

By Our Political Staff

Maastricht - that's what we He told Tories at a Conservative association dinner in Bradford that he was optimistic about the country's future. Lord Tebbit, formerly the MP for Chingford, said that good money supply figures, im-proved shop and car sales, a competitive exchange rate, and the lowest interest rates in the Community gave grounds

no renegotiation of the treaty. The prime minister travels to Edinburgh today to hold presummit talks with Jacques Delors, the European commission president, and President Mitterrand of France. The meeting was called off. yesterday because Mr Major had to make a Commons statement about the marriage of the Prince and Princess of

Yesterday in Brussels, M Delors said that ten EC states would press on with European unification if Britain and Denmark didn't sign the Maastricht treaty. He admitted that the EC was in difficulties and that "we had dreamt of another kind of 1992". He said that the Community's combination of economic malaise and political problems with the treaty on political and monetary union might lead either to a "passing but violent ctisis or to a long latent crisis".

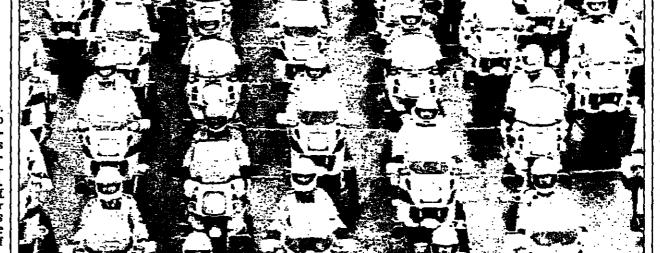
M Delors echoed the warning delivered to Britain and Denmark by M Mitterrand yesterday that Maastricht would be revived by the ratifying states if all 12 governments did not approve it. Seven states have ratified the treaty and the total should rise

to ten by the end of the year.
"I can only hope the con-struction of Europe will go ahead with those who are willing to share this ambition and shoulder their share of the international responsibility."
M Delors said. "My feeling is that if some don't want to do it, others will."

On the eve of the summit, British officials also spoke of "enormous differences" remaining between the sides on future financing. Although they declined to give details they admitted that new proposals will be tabled before the summit opens tomorrow. They are likely to set the level of Community spending above the figure of 1.25 per cent of gross national product suggested in the original British plan, but below the 1.32 per cent figure sought by M Delors in his reworked

Danes spurn deal, page 12 descending every summer for been host to for 50 years."

the festival and fringe, but said Norman Irons the Lord



Security machine rolls into action

their bikes police motorcyle escort riders pre-paring for tomorrow's European Community summit in Edinburgh, Euro-fever has taken hold of the Scottish capital, and in the next few days 2,500 journalists, photographers, electricians, engineers, producers and other interested hangers-on are expected to arrive as well as officials, dignitaries and ministers (Ray Clancy writes).

Terrorism is a serious concern. Lothian and Borders police are mounting their biggest security operation ever and have set up road blocks similar to those recently started against the IRA in London to check on vans and other suspicious vehicles.

At the weekend, police seized a number of computer dises from a stall at a market in Glasgow. The E3 disc shows how to make a variety of explosives, radio-controlled

devices and nitroglycerine. But for the ordinary man and woman in the street, the whole thing is a nuisance. They are used to thousands

Provost. Overall, the summit resent the arrival of the politicians and their entourage. Juggiers, buskers and fireeaters are welcome: John Major and his fellow Europeans are not. "I really don't know why they had to come here to Edinburgh. It is not as if they care about Scotland or about our needs," said Jean MacDonald, who is worried that her Christmas shopping

will be interrupted. Those on the receiving end are happier. Shopkeepers are looking forward to a bumper week and the shops are crammed with goodies. Every-thing from full Highland dress to heather honey. Arran sweaters and Shetland shawls are prominently displayed along with malt whisky, oatcakes and haggis.

Edinburgh district council estimates that Ell million will pour into the city from the summit and the associated events. Delegates and visitors are expected to spend more than £4 million, with the media contributing £2 million. 'This is the most mo-mentous event Edinburgh has is costing £6.5 million, including the creation of conference facilities inside Holyrood. with the bills being met from government funds. The transformation of the

palace is complete. Many

out and telephone lines, fax machines, computers and desks installed. In the King's bedchamber, the four-poster stands surrounded by office equipment. It was deemed too fragile to move.

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Major targets growth

BY PHILIP BASSETT INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

JOHN Major yesterday promised to unveil a new package at the summit aimed at boosting economic growth and cutting

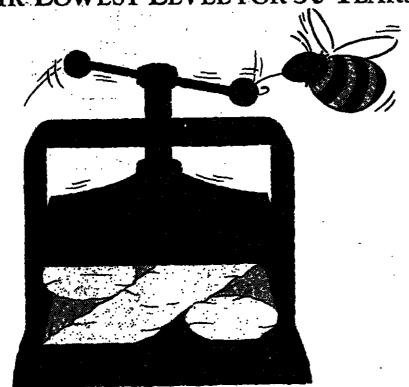
unemployment.
He told leading European employers and trade unionists that growth and employment were now predominant issues and that both would be on the Edinburgh agenda. The meeting at Downing Street was the first time that employers and trade unions across Europe made a joint attempt to press the European Community president to act on economic

During an hour-long private meeting, Mr Major said that he was trying to weld two separate papers on growth one from the European Commission, and one from himself. The Commission's document suggests earmarking about 7.7 billion ecus (£6.2 billion) to get the European economy out of recession. Carlos Ferrer, chairman of

Unice - the European equivalent of the Confederation of British Industry - said later that the prime minister agreed with the Commission's strate-gy, and was confident about reaching an overall agreement with his 11 counterparts at the summit.

Norman Willis, the TUC general secretary who is also president of the European TUC, welcomed Mr Major's inclusion of growth and jobs on the Edinburgh agenda.

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Rabin puts racism on agenda

YITZHAK Rabin, the Israeli prime minister, said yesterday that John Major had agreed to raise the problem of increasing anti-Semitism in Europe at the Edinburgh summit.

Mr Rabin, on the second invitation to the prime minis-

The Israeli leader had said

caust memorials this year. A British official said that

Mr Rabin also briefed Mr Major, and Douglas Hurd. the foreign secretary on the Mr Hurd said last week it was "almost impossible to imagine an Israeli government better disposed to making peace than Mr Rabin's".

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Mr Rabin, speaking in Downing Street after nearly

three hours of talks, also said that the prime minister had offered him a "friendly approach" and a readiness to understand Israeli problems. He declined to give details on the talks, his first with Mr

Major, but said that the prime minister had "agreed to bring many issues up at the meeting in Edinburgh ... anti-Semi tism, the Arab boycott (of

day of a three-day working visit to Britain, his first since becoming leader in June, added: "I extended an official ter of Britain . . . to visit Israel and he accepted. I hope that in the spring of next year we will have the official visit of Prime Minister Major in Israel."

that he would appeal to Mr Major as EC president to give priority in Edinburgh to discussing racism and neo-Nazism in Europe. "If the European Community will not come up and stand up, we'll make their life miserable," he told British supporters of Israel on Tuesday. This is our role as a Jewish state."

Mr Rabin said in Italy on Sunday that the rise of racial violence and anti-Semitism in Europe had rekindled memories of the second world war and the Nazi German extermination of six million Jews. German right-wingers have carried out nearly 2,000 attacks on foreigners and Holo-

Arab-Israeli peace talks.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Greeks to rally over Macedonia

Athens: More than a million Greeks will march through Athens today in a last appeal to the European Community not to recognise the former Yugoslav republic of Macedonia under that name, despite a growing feeling that the battle might already be lost (Chris Eliou writes).

The Greek government announced yesterday that it was resolved to veto anything at this week's Edinburgh sum-mit that diverged from the Lisbon decision. British diplomats in Athens indicated they expected the summit to defer a decision so as not to offend Greece or weaken the government of Constantine Mitsotakis, already rocked by a series of cabinet resignations.

But this will result in the issue moving to the United likely to succeed in blocking recognition of Macedonia.

Aid flights delayed, page 14

Farmers march on The Hague

The Hague: About 600 Dutch farmers protesting against the agriculture accord between the European Community and the United States marched through the city centre of The Hague yesterday to the partia-ment yesterday to present a pe-tition to Ruud Lubbers, the prime minister.

The farmers had gathered with more than 400 tractors about 12 miles outside the city, but riot police prevented them from driving in. No violence was reported. A delegation of four farmers was allowed to meet Mr Lubbers on condition the protest remained peaceful (AP)

Swiss elect Ogi

Bern: The Swiss parliament elected Adolf Ogi, the transport and energy minister, to Switzerland's rotating presi-dency, replacing René Felber, the foreign minister, the federal chancellery announced. Mr Ogi, a committed pro-European, was elected by 208 votes in the 246-member parliament. (Reuter)

French long to break free from Bonn alliance

FROM CHARLES BREMNER IN PARIS

AS PRESIDENT Mitterrand prepares for the Edinburgh summit, doubts are being voiced increasingly across France over the future of his vision of a grand, quasi-

federal Europe.

Philippe Séguin, the lugubrious Gaullist who opposed the Maastricht treaty, surveyed the unhappy landscape of Europe the other day and mused: "France voted 'yes' but we're getting everything they said would happen if we voted no." He was referring to what most ardent pro-Maastricht campaigners had predicted in



trouble with Germany, isolation and upheaval within the

Community. Physically ailing and faced with the high probability of an opposition government in three months, M Mitterrand looks as isolated a figure at home as he is now on the European stage, which he strode with such confidence only months ago.

There is pessimism even in high political circles over the alliance with Bonn, the driving force of the Community since it was founded and the basis of France's claim to the status of a great power.

M Mitterrand's traditional pledges of unity with Helmut Kohl, the German chancellor, when they met last Friday rang hollow, given the frustration in Paris over Bonn's failure to support its rejection of the EC-US farm accord.

With Britain and other states devaluing their currencies and trying to stimulate their economies. French busi-nessmen are talking openly of the disadvantages of their country's lock-step march with the deflationary deutschmark. For the same reason, M Séguin and his fellow dissenters in Jacques Chirac's RPR party, want the conservative government they expect to win the next election to end the policy of the franc fort. Unhitching the franc from the mark would not only jeopardise monetary union but would scupper hopes of a

single currency.

The turmoil in Eastern Europe, violence in Germany and the Gatt quarrel have tweaked France's traditional fears of its eastern neighbour. fostering a popular go-it-alone sentiment similar to that found in Britain. A poll last week showed a majority would now vote against Maastricht. As well as the farmers, who

enjoy 80 per cent public support in their anger against the other Community governments, some industrialists are uneasy over the free trade philosophy, not just of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (Gatt), but of the Community itself. Renault and Peugeot-Citroen, the carmakers, are nervous over imminent competition from British-built Japanese

Alain Gomez, the head of Thomson-SA, the state-owned electronics group, is urging the government to abandon Gatt altogether in favour of a protected European trade zone that can combat American and Japanese pressure.

Some commentators are pointing out this week that if the Swiss wanted nothing of



the European trade area, it may be because they recognise that the single Community market and the Maastricht idea of a west European union

is outmoded. Officials in M Mitterrand's entourage say Europe is a scapegoat for many of France's internal uncertainties and that the Community will survive and emerge stronger from its travails. France is going through one of the protectionist moods which

appear in times of crisis, Elisabeth Guigou, the European affairs minister, said this week: "A retreat behind national frontiers or the construction of Europe as a closed fortress would be very damaging to our interests."

Mme Guigou says she expects Britain to ratify the Maastricht treaty in the spring. France's partners, she said, have a strong interest in helping it meet its objections

gestures accorded in recent years to other community members: to Margaret Thatcher over the British budget contribution in the early 1980s, financial aid to the southern members and the effort to bring East Germany into the Community.

"We are now asking other member states to understand our problems." she said. "That's what the Community

Danish opposition spurns treaty deal

FROM CHRISTOPHER FOLLETT IN COPENHAGEN

is curiously divided. While most people are preoccu-pied with Christmas shopping, politicians are pass-ionately wrangling over the country's future role in the European Community. On the eve of the EC

foreign ministers' meeting earlier this week, at which Denmark's fate in Europe was discussed state television news included a long feature on Danish "Euroapathy", increasing nation-alism and apparent lack of interest in Brussels and Europe.
The latest chapter in the

political dispute over the Maastricht treaty, which Danes rejected in a June referendum, is focused on Britain's proposals to solve Denmark's deadlock over European union, unveiled by John Major last week. Denmark's own proposals, presented last month, call for the country to continue as a full EC member while opting out of those aspects of the treaty which irk most Danes - plans for a common currency, a joint EC defence policy, EC citizenship and co-ordinated legal

co-operation.

Mr Major's proposal for accommodating the Danes met most of these requirements. It was discussed in Tuesday by the foreign ministers and will feature high on the agenda at Edinburgh.

W hile Poul Schluter, the Danish prime minister, accepted the prime minister's proposals as "a good starting point for negotiations on a solution to Denmark's Maastricht problem", the opposition Socialist People's party ruled them out as "unacceptable" on the ground that they did not distance Denmark sufficiently from the concept of European union. The party also be-lieves that they do not allow new applicants for EC membership the choice of joining the Community on the basis

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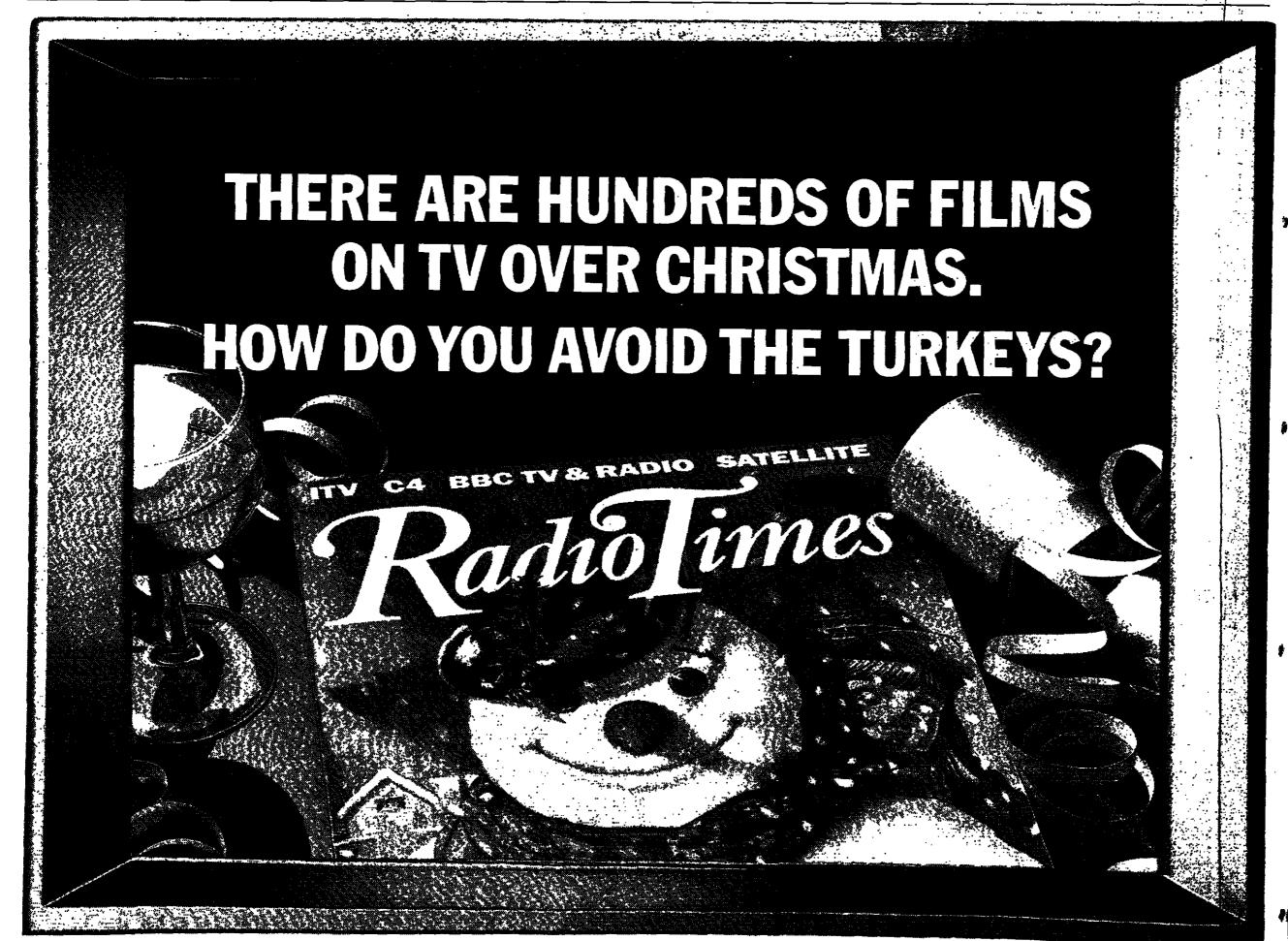
Holger Nielsen, leader of the left-wing Socialist People's party, one of the main groups behind the "national compromise" deal said: "If any new arrangement does not clearly distance Denmark from participation in European political union, we will not support it and the country will vote it down in a fresh referendum. Foreign minister Uffe Ellemann-Jensen must go out and fight for the national compromise and not try to get us into the union we rejected in June through the back door."

he continuing clashes 1 between the opposition and Mr Eliemann-Johsen, a Liberal and passionate European have stirred fears of premature elections in Denmark if no early solution to its Maastricht dilemma is found. The foreign minister mus nego-tiate on the basis of the national compromise" said Poul Nyrup Rasmussen, leader of Denmark's argest opposition group, the Social Democratic party.
To talk of calling elec-

tions during what is Den-mark's greatest political crisis since the second world war would be totally irresponsible." he added. "Edinburgh is not a make or break situation, if we don't get a satisfactory deal there, we will just go on negotiating until we do." he said.

The Danish government hopes to hold a frish referendum next spring or autumn on a new special deal with Europe and his said a solution at Edinburgh would allow time for the passage of the necessary parliamentary legislation prior to the plebiscite. A recent opinion poll in

Borsen, the financial daily newspaper, showed hat 45 per cent of Danes would vote in favour of a new deal with Europe based on the national compromise, with



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IN DELHI AND OUR FOREIGN STAFF

THE death toll in three days of religious confrontation in India rose to more than 600 yesterday as the army helped

police and paramilitary forces

maintain curfews in scores of In Delhi, parliament broke up in pandemonium as dele-

gates made an unprecedented decision to adjourn for a week to return to their homes to try

The violence engulied Bom-

bay, India's commercial capi-

tal, for a third consecutive

day, taking the death toll there to 115.

Almost every Muslim quarter of larger cities across the

country is under curiew, and

there is hardship among

people too poor to stockpile

food. Muslims in Delhi took

to their rooftops in protest

while police lorries patrolled

the streets yesterday selling milk and basic commodities

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In Bangladesh, five people were killed in communal vio-

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Gaidar snub undermines Yeltsin's authority

FROM ANNE MCELVOY IN MOSCOW

RUSSIA'S Congress of People Deputies yesterday dealt evere blow to President Yelkin's authority, and the county's radical economic reform by rejecting Yegor Gaidr, his candidate for the post i prime minister.

M.Gaidar's candidacy was rejected by a 19-vote margin in a cret ballot in which he needa a simple majority of the 1)40 deputies to win. The defea came despite substantial processions from Mr Yelts giving the conservative parliment the right of veto over he four key ministerial appoirments. It rounds off a damzing Congress in which consivatives, feeding on the government's economic woes.

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Wasington: Bill Clinton, the US resident-elect, is expected to nane today his economic team As well as confirming Lloyt Bentsen as Treasury secrety, he is expected to nam Leon Panetta, House budgt committee chairman, as h budget director, and Robe Rubin, an investment bankr, as head of his econom security council.

M Clinton is also expected to apoint a woman as attorney-meral. The leading candidas are said to be Judge Patria Wald, Judge Amalya Kear, Judge Judith Kaye, and wyer Brooksey Born.

No-Nazi curbs

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Farrow's story

NewYork: Mia Farrow, the actrs, has agreed to sell her authiography to publisher Baram Doubleday Dell, re-portely for \$3 million (£1.88 rrillion). The deal is seen as her latest against Woody Allen, he film-maker and her former lover.

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Gaidar confirmed in the post he has held in an acting capacity since June deepens the troubles of the Yeltsin government and is likely to slow down the country's transition from a command to a market economy. Aleksandr Shokhin, a deputy prime minister, responded to the news by saying that he and other liberals in the government were "itching to resign" but that no decision had been

Mr Gaidar, however, said later that the government should stay in office for the time being and carry on calmly. He said: "The result of the vote is no surprise to us, we did not have any illusions about our popularity at the

reached on the government's

Congress. He added that the narrow margin reflected the attitude of the entire population to reforms. "One cannot say that the whole of the Russian people treats the results of our government's work with deep approval. Half support re-forms while the other half does not and we have more work to do in convincing that half."

The setback is likely to

increase Mr Yehsin's hostility to Congress, which has consis-tently failed to support his reforms, and he may well feel that it is time to begin gathering the million signatures needed for a referendum on abolishing the assembly entirely. He has even spoken of bypassing the constitution and dissolving Congress by decree if its intransigence makes it a threat to reform.

Mr Yeltsin must now decide whether to struggle on with Mr Gaidar in the post of acting prime minister, at some cost to the authority of the cabinet, or find a compromise candidate for the job. The first indications from the Yeltsin camp were that the president intended to retain him as acting prime minister until the next session of Congress in

March. But Mr Gaidar's position has undoubtedly been weakened by the vote and it is likely that alternative reform strategies will now be pressed on Mr Yeltsin. Arkadi Volsky. founder member of the centreright Civic Union and a possible challenger for Mr Gaidar's post, said that the government's problems had sprung from the excessive influence of the acting prime minister and his free market philosophy over its economic

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Growing unrest forces Delhi parliament to adjourn



Crying out loud: Hindu and Muslim women pleading for help from soldiers during a protest march yesterday in a Bombay shanty town

Youths shot on intifada anniversary

FROM BEN LYNFIELD IN BEIT SAHOUR, WEST BANK

ISRAELI soldiers shot dead a teenager yesterday, on the fifth anniversary of the Palestinian uprising. Another was shot the evening before. A 17-year-old youth was

shot dead near Jenin, on the West Bank, after hurling a petrol bomb at security forces, army officers said. Hazem Uzboun, 18. was killed in Beit Sahour, south of Jerusalem, on Tuesday night. Troops opened fire on him after ordering him to halt, believing that he was a member of a "terrorist gang", an army spokesman said. Relatives said he was shot without warning from close range by soldiers who disguised themselves as Arabs.

Palestinians throughout the West Bank and Gaza Strip observed a general strike to mark the anniversary, closing

shops and schools. In the Gaza Strip, where the uprising began, more than 400,000 residents were consecond day as troops swept the area for Muslim fundamentalist gunmen who shot dead three soldiers on Monday. Navy boats patrolled the coast, enforcing a ban on sea traffic. In Beit Sahour, the army ordered a curfew.

In Washington, a Palestinian peace negotiator an-nounced a one-day halt to the talks to mark the anniversary.

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100 killed as Afghan troops clash with militia

FROM REUTER IN KABUL

FORMER communist militia arriving in the Afghan capital to reinforce their positions clashed with government forces in four days of fighting. but the defence ministry said yesterday that a ceasefire had

begun to take hold. About 100 people have been killed and hundreds injured since the fighting erupted between the Shura-i-Nazar group of Ahmad Shah Masood, the defence minister, and the Shia Muslim Hezb-i-Wahadat

party. Earlier reports from United

Nationssources in the city said a coup could be under way as large numbers of militia fighters moved on to the streets, and rockets landed around the defence ministry and presidential palace.

The fighting was the worst since August when Gulbuddin Hekmatyar pounded Kabul for three weeks with rocket fire that killed 2,500 people and injured thousands. ☐ Tashkent: Refugees fleeing

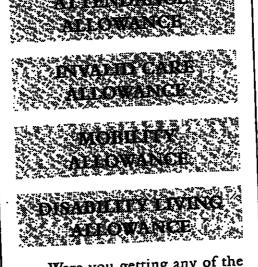
the civil war in Tajikistan are dying in freezing weather on the border with Afghanistan. Vitali Gritsan, a Russian general, said yesterday.

He said about 20,000 Tajik

refugees had crossed into Afghanistan in the past two weeks but 100,000 are stranded along the frontier with only Russian border guards to help them. "Some have makeshift tents made from blankets but many have nothing. A lot of them are dying every day in freezing cold."



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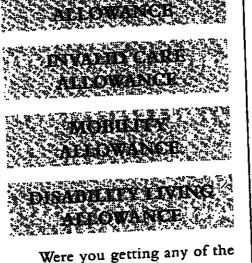
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Sarajevo aid flights halted for ninth day

By Richard Beeston in split and Our Foreign Staff

outside world, its road to the airport, reopened yesterday morning, but aid flights remained suspended, exacerbating the supply shortages in the Bosnian capital

As Britain and other Western powers debated military intervention to stop the con-flict in the former Yugoslav republic. Nato sources were reported as saying that the organisation had drawn up plans for use if the United Nations approves the enforcement of the "no-fly" zone over Bosnia, air strikes against Serbian targets or the deploy-ment of peacekeepers in trou-

bled areas such as Kosovo. However, Malcolm Rif-kind, the defence secretary, ruled out military intervention as a means of halting the civil war and emphasised that British forces in Bosnia should remain at their present strength and conduct purely humanitarian missions.

Speaking after a two-day inspection of British troops in

SARAJEVO's link with the central Bosnia and meetings with UN relief officials, Mr Rifkind said he was more convinced than ever that the conflict in Bosnia-Herzegovina could not be ended peacefully by a foreign force. "What I have seen reinforces the

judgment that it would be most unwise to use UN forces to bring this conflict to an end," he said at a press conference on board the Royal Fleet Auxiliary ship Argus in Split. "No-one I have met believes it could be done by the UN without a huge increase in force for an indefinite period of time," he added.

In Sarajevo yesterday, a shell hit the Holiday Inn. where many of the foreign press corps are based. There was some damage to the building but no casualties. Heavy shelling continued north of the capital, at Zuc hill, a Muslim-held area, and Buca Potok. In general, however, the city was quiet.

In Geneva, Radovan Karadzic, the Bosnian Serb lead-

er, accused government forces of provoking the latest fight-ing to put pressure on the UN for military intervention.

A spokesman for the UN
High Commissioner for Refugees said ten UNHCR lorries
carrying 150 tonnes of relief
supplies for the 380,000
people trapped in the capital
had arrived from Vitez, about 60 miles to the north. The UNHCR hopes to send two more convoys to Sarajevo to-day, but a United Nations protection force source said the airport, closed to relief flights for the past nine days, was not likely to open until Monday at the earliest.

☐ London: Calls for greater armed intervention in Bosnia were made yesterday at the launch of an all-party group of MPs, peers and scholars. Action for Bosnia called for the end of the UN arms embargo against Bosnia and the creation of UN safe havens in Bosnian-held territory.

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Court lets Panic run for election

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FROM JOVAN KOVACIO

SERBIA's supreme courves-terday finally allowed Allan Panic, the moderate Yugslav prime minister, to run aginst Slobodan Milosevic Seoia's hardline president, in elections scheduled for December 20. Mr Panic immedately challenged Mr Miloseyi to a debate on state-run telession. This will ensure the Schian people can judge the andidates fairly," he said.

The court upheld M Panic's appeal against a ning by the Serb electoral cornission on December 5 that & could not run because he aid not least a year. He retrued to Serbia from Californ earlier this year. The upreme Court's decision is binding and Mr Panic has ben offi-cially included in the list of

Mr Panic forecas victory despite starting lateand receiving unfavourabl coverage on state-run telvision. which has openly sicil with Mr Milosevic. Polls stw Mr Panic leading with 414 per cent against Mr Mileevic's 40.3 per cent. (Reuter)

Dubrovnik years for tourist revival

BY RICHARD BEESTON

THE hard-pressed inhabit-ants of Dubrovnik are eagerly awaiting the arrival today of awarting the arrival today of the first passenger flight in 15 months, as a sign that the city's once thriving tourist industry will make a come-back in the new year. Although the heavily over-subscribed Croatian airlines flight, the first of three weekly

flight, the first of three weekly flights from the capital Za-greb, will mainly be carrying journalists and VIPs, there is a palpable sense that the walled medieval port city is set to reclaim its title as the jewel of

the Adriatic. The arrival of the plane means that we are back to normality, back to peace," said Vesna Gamulin, one of 70,000 citizens who braved the worst of last autumn's Serbian siege and are confident the city can rebuild.

Although the fighting in most of Croatia stopped months ago, the hundreds of thousands of tourists, mainly from Italy and Germany, who used to drive or sail down the Dalmatian coast each year probably by daily television pictures of fierce fighting in

nearby Bosnia-Herzegovina So far only the most determined tourists have ventured back, foremost among them thousands of Christian pilgrims determined to witness the regular sightings of the Virgin Mary at Mejugorje, a few miles northwest of Dubrownik. The only other foreign visitors, aside from journalists and aid workers. are the curious or those with a sentimental attachment. "Some people, who returned here year after year on their holidays, have come back to show support." said Ms Gamulin. "One visitor from Belgium even returned to Slano (north of Dubrovnik) with enough glass to repair all the town's broken windows."

Even Dubrovnik's nst optimistic residents adm that the city still has a longvay to go before it can aunt the large numbers of pre-we holidaymakers, whom it wild be impossible to accompodate

properly today.

Many of the main hels in the centre of town ar occupied by refugees from onlying areas whose homes we de-stroyed by the Serbs Many vital repairs to the city shonuments and other main ourist sights have still no been



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Misatich, Croatian firlines sales manager, wito or anied the reopening of flights to Dubrovnik is confident hat the ancient city will conbe back on its feet.

"We made a point of having our own stand at the interational travel fair in Lonon three weeks ago to let peole know that we were backing business and that it was sal to visit Croatia," he said He added that trips from Brain to the Dalmatian coast ere being handled by the bity named Phoenix tivel named Phoenix

'I would go hungry for a week for a gur'

FROM ADAM LEBOR IN ZENICA, BOSNIA

For Samir Bidic, the fleshpots of Zenica such as they are - remain far out of reach. Compared to nearby Travnik, however,

the town is an casis of peace and plenty.

Market stalls are piled high with fresh fruit and bananas, Richard Gere and Julia Roberts star in Pretty Woman at the local cinema. Armed soldiers control access at mined checkpoints, but Zenica is out of reach of Serb artillery.

Together with more than

600 Bosnian refugees Samir, 25, lives in a nearby school, fed twice a day on a diet of mostly rice and spaghetti. As European Community leaders pre-pare to discuss immigration at the Edinburgh summit, the victims of Europe's worst refugee crisis since the second world war are bitter about the West's failure to come to their aid.

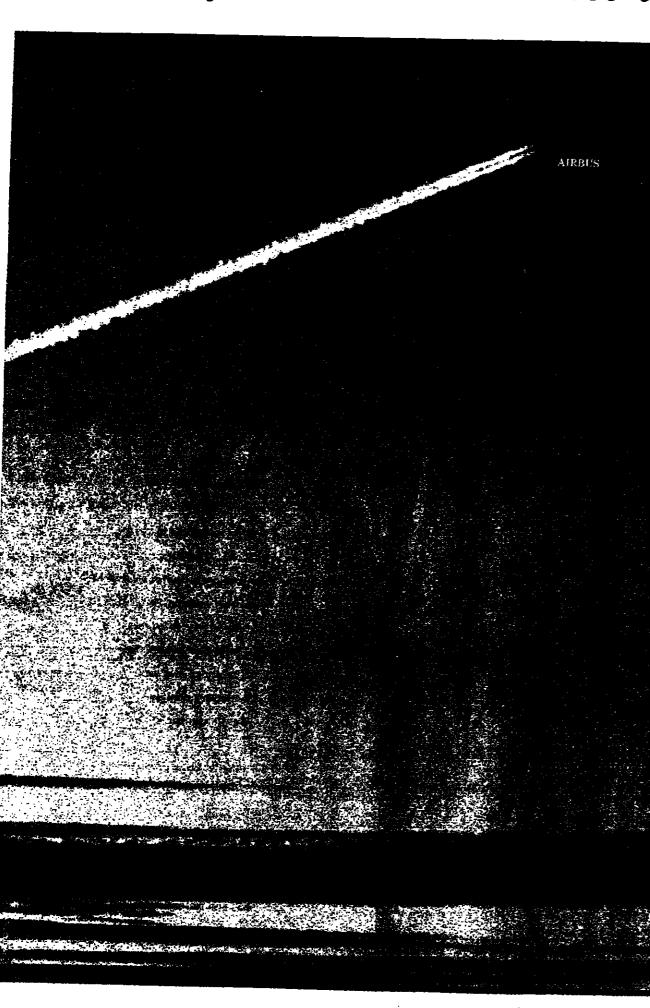
"The people here deserve to go somewhere else. Unless the West takes them in they will be the new nomads of Europe." said Samir. He arrived in Zenica after being held at Keraterm, a Serb-sunde-

tention camp. The main thins stop the arms embrin. I would go hungry fora veek to have a gun. Turkyand the Muslim countres are doing more than the West for us," he said. "If Besnia is distributed." is divided and we act only left with a small pri we will have a liberation organ-isation and I will oin it, that's 100 per cent creain."

the scene inside the school's sports hall is one all too familia across former Yugoslavia. The air is warm and stale, the smell of unwashed bodiesmixing with disinfectant funes.

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FROM SAM KILEY IN MOGADISHU

CITIES outside the Somali capital were yesterday hit by looting, forcing aid workers to leave the port of Kismayu. At the same time the early enthu-siasm with which Somalis greeted the arrival of the US marines turned sour when two United Nations soldiers were

Bandits attacked the compound of Care International in Baidoa and attempted to steal the agency's communications equipment but were driven off by Care's locally employed guards. The attack was the sixth against the organisation in a week.

US forces were expected to arrive in Baidoa at the same time as they went into Moga-dishu. Instead of soldiers. however. C130 aircraft brought in wheat and vegetable oil. An aid worker in Baidoa said: "We are absolutely desperate and very afraid that we will not last the night. The gunmen here are aware that every day could be the last time to loot and pillage before they run away from the US

soldiers". Most foreigners left the town last week, leaving only a

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Baidera and the port of Kismayu

handful of staff. "Every night we go to bed praying the Americans will come before the gunmen come over the wall. One cannot live under that sort of strain for long." another aid worker said.

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Members of the Ogađeni Darod and Hawiiye clans were behind the looting and violence in Kismayu, the second largest port in the faminestricken south. Mass starvation caused by the regular theft of entire convoys of food prompted America's "invasion by consent".

How long that consent will last remains to be seen. As dusk came in Mogadishu there were signs that while the presence of US soldiers in the capital is welcomed by civilians, the gunmen who have profited from the civil war are

less than happy.

The two UN soldiers who were injured are believed to have been shot by the Hawadle dan, which formerly controlled the airport and was humiliated when the marines forced some of them to lie on the floor of a hangar to have their wrists tied.

The marines, the first of a

UN World Food Programme flies



Tough tactics: a US Marine standing over a Somali man early yesterday after American forces were sent ashore to secure Mogadishu's port and airport

Cheney attacks 'media farce'

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

RICHARD Cheney, the US defence secretary, and other senior Pentagon officials expressed anger yesterday at the paparazzi-style media reception given to the first US Marines to land on Mogadi-

shu's beaches. They said the television lights had exposed the camouflaged marines to possible sniper fire and rendered use less their night-vision equipment. The Pentagon's irritation was undoubtedly enhanced, however, by the fact that the military had been made to look plain silly.

Yesterday American news papers were full of vivid descriptions of marines with blackened faces moving up the beach in tight back-to-back clusters, digging fox-holes in the sand, searching for mines and booby-traps, or attempting to hide in bushes on the dunes — all the time encircled by television crews and reporters firing questions.

It was the first amphibious landing ever televised live to prime time audiences and the first to attract a review by The Washington Post's television critic. The press agreed that the overhwelming sense was one of "farce", not drama. The troops' objective was to secure an area on which camera crews had already established a heachhead, according to one reporter.

Mr Cheney described the media's conduct as a "source of aggravation" and said his immediate reaction had been one of anger. Colonel Fred Peck, of the US Marine Corps, said the lights could have blinded helicopter crews and caused accidents. The Pentagon appealed to television crews during the the landings to put out their lights. Marlin Fitzwater, the White House spokesman, urged the media to show maturity and restraint".

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Paris takes credit for Somali aid mission

FROM CHARLES BREMNER

FRANCE claimed credit for the United Nations intervention in Somalia yesterday as a government row erupted over the presence of French troops, and politicians denounced the whole operation as a repulsive American media show.

Even before the first contingent of 150 of 2,000 French troops arrived in Mogadishu from Djibouti, the news broke that Pierre Joxe, the defence minister, had bitterly opposed the military action but had been overruled by President Mitterrand. The president had been swayed, government sources said, by the argument of Bernard Kouchner, the minister of health and hu-

manitarian action. Manitarian action.

Addressing parliament yesterday. Pierre Bérégovoy, the prime minister, congratulated Dr Kouchner and Roland Dumas. Taking the credit. M Dumas told reporters that Operation Restore Hope "was only made possible thanks to the incessant work of French

diplomacy since 1987".

M Joxe told the cabinet that with 10,000 French troops now serving the UN in Bos-nia. Cambodia and elsewhere. it did not have the resources to send more into action. Why intervene in Somalia when there are 30 other Somalias which no-one is doing anything about?"

On Sunday Dr Kouchner could be seen wading ashore in Mogadishu harbour with a sacks of French rice over his shoulder. Yesterday he was reporting live from Bosnia.

M Joxe's sentiments on the media were echoed by politicians from both sides who denounced the television orgy which greeted the landing of the first U.S. forces. Alain Juppe, the secretary-general of the neo-Gaullist RPR party. said: "I am absolutely scandalised. What on earth is this circus? I thought we were there to help women and children dying of hunger. I regret that certain French officials are falling into the same trap."



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Leaders on a summit of discontent



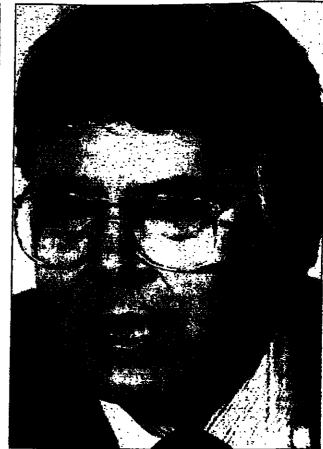
President François Mitterrand, at 76, is the oldest of Europe's leaders, the one head of state to have been decisively influenced by the second world war and the post-war rebuilding of the Continent. the second world war and the post-war rebuilding of the Continent. He regards Maastricht as his final, crowning achievement on Europe and will block any serious attempt to dilute it at Edinburgh. M Mitterrand's popularity ratings are at their lowest point ever and whether the French will appreciate such obstinacy remains to be seen. He has not made curing unemployment his top priority — saying that it is growing far faster in Germany and Britain — despite polls that show it to be the most pressing issue for a large number of ordinary French people. He has two and a half years of his term left to run and they may be the toughest phase of his presidency.



Poul Schluter, the 63-year-old prime minister of Denmark, is being pushed hard by the opposition Social Democrats, the largest single party in parliament, on the opt-out clauses. Denmark wants assurances that it can stay outside any future monetary union, that it will not be entangled in defence issues and that it can continue to deny voting rights to non-Danes living in Denmark. Unless he can secure these concessions, Mr Schluter runs the real risk of having Maastricht rejected again. A No vote at the second referendum would be a damaging personal blow for him and would fatally compromise Denmark's imminent presidency of the EC. Mr Schluter is a shrewd politician but as one commentator put it recently, "The Danes love to cock a snook at their leaders."



Chancellor Helmut Kohl does have a vision of a more closely integrated Europe, but ordinary Germans are no longer quite so sure. There is a majority in the opinion polls against a single European currency replacing the Deutschmark, white German businessmen are becoming sceptical about the effects of the single market on the economy. Polls give 62-year-old Herr Kohl an appproval rating as low as 35 per cent — not enough to form a government should an election be held now. But his term runs till 1994, by which time he will have served 12 years in office, and he intends to sit out the joint crises of Europe and the economy. His priority at Edinburgh will be to demonstrate to ordinary Germans that a deeper commitment to Europe spells more growth, and more jobs.



Felipe González, Spain's prime minister, has been ten years in power and is still only 50 years old. But he is looking distinctly shaky. A general election is expected next year, and he needs to demonstrate that the Socialist government can deliver European aid and jobs. Corruption scandals have sapped the authority of the government; unemployment has usen over 10 per cent; the glitter of the "Year of Spain" (the Barcelona Olympics and the World Expo) has all but worn off. Domestic pressure to produce results, to show that Europe pays, will make Señor González the most vociferous spokesman of the poorer countries at Edinburgh. He is one of the most determined of the summitteers and will be pushing above all for a doubling of EC aid to the poorer members.

omething is obviously amiss when European diplomats yearn for the days of Mrs Thatcher. Then, say these otherwise unimpeachable Euro-optimists, "we at least knew where we stood".

indeed, Mrs Thatcher concentrated continental minds; it was the kind of unity displayed by a family meeting to deal with the wayward relative. Now, almost every Euro-

pean state is having its awkward moments. The popular consensus on a joint European future has crumpled. Electorates unhappy with their leaders' mismanagement of the economy are transferring their disanisfaction to the European blueprint for the 1990s. The selling of Maastricht has come to seem like a conspiracy of the political class and leaders often compound the problem with their failure of nerve. their inability to persuade or explain. Where are the Schumans, the Monnets and the Adenauers of the 1990s?

The economic malaise is at the core of the problem. Steering a country through endur-ing recession demands extraordinary leadership. Yet the past two years have stolen from, rather than added to, the authority of premiers and presidents. Recessions point up the inability of governments to cure long-term un-employment while the globalisation of financial markets has exposed the state's inability to control monetary

flows.

The impotence is acutely felt in Germany. Liberal asylum rules, exploited by 400,000 refugees already this year, have sapped Chancellor Helmut Kohl. What kind of state is it that cannot deter mine who should and should not live within its frontiers? The neo-Nazi's have seized on this helplessness.

But Chancellor Kohl is not alone. All the European leaders are having trouble with their electorates. It is a mark of the fractured communication channel between leaders and led, that politicians could express such utter and apparently genuine amazement when they were given a rough ride. over Maastricht ratification.

President François Mitterrand only just scraped home in his referendum, the Danish prime minister Poul Schluter's European vote was won by the Nos'. Chancellor Kohl was buffeted in the Bundestag. The intertwining of two

issues — the perceived mis-management of the economy and the ceding of large chunks of sovereignty to Brussels — has made the current generation of leaders extremely vulnerable at home. Unemployment has topped 10 per cent in Britain, France, Spain and Italy. Industrial output figures are bleak everywhere, most disturbingly so in Germany.

The popular response has been to press governments for programmes tailored to national problems, to give protec-tionist policies precedence over free trade, to justify every step in terms of jobs.

Italy is exceptional in that the European Community has always been seen as a force for good, a tool to modernise the country, to haul it out of the southern poverty belt. This vision has endured and Maaswas shooed ewed

through the Italian parlia-ment with only token ques-ed by prostate cancer. Yet he But there is a deep disillu-sion with the old political class, the original architects of Italy's European policies. Even-Spain's Felipe González, at 50, no longer the bright wunder-kind of the Mediterranean, is

having to justify his commit-ment to Europe with a long list of domestically inspired de-mands. Along with Portugal, Greece and Ireland, Serior Convoles is pressing hard for Gonzáles is pressing hard for the Delors plan which would double regional aid over seven

Britain, Germany, The Netherlands and Italy support spending that would boost aid by only 60 per cent. The Edinburgh summit will thus present a spectacle of leaders desperately playing to their



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home audiences. Most Euro-pean summits have an ele-ment of this but at some stage an appeal is usually made to a mysterious, faintly pagan Spir-it of the Community and electoral considerations are briefly set aside.

It is difficult to see how this particular brand of black magic will work in Edinburgh if only because the two key players - President Mitterrand and Chancellor Kohl — are in such deep trouble.

The original Franco-German partnership that was the cornerstone of the Community has been changed beyond recognition by the collapse of communism and the unification of Germany and the two leaders have come up with a timetable for a federal Europe that is out of touch with the

The atomisation of society is a feature of recession-politics. French farmers and German farmers made common cause against the Gart deal, while French and German industri-alists pleaded for free trade. Where, then, is the common Franco-German interest? It had to be defined by the two leaders, who have done nothing of the sort.

The weakness of these two leaders is the basic reason for the European drift. President

ed by prostate cancer. Yet he has another two and a half years of his seven-year term to serve. He faces tough parliamentary elections in March which will certainly saddle him with a right wing pre-mier. Rural France, la France profonde, remains the formi-dable obstacle to intelligent European reform. M Mitterrand is an old fox, still capable of taking risks — the referen-dum on Maastricht, the lightning visit to Sarajevo - but this is mostly theatre, not the substance of leadership.

Chancellor Kohl, too, is growing tired in office. In 1989, he quickly understood how he could mark down his role in history: as the first Chancelor of a modern unified Germany, a Bismarck for the 1990s. But he made cardinal mistakes and is now paying for them. The economic costs of unification were underestimated and so, too was the psychological and social upheaval of integrating a post-totalizarian society. He behaved as if Europe could carry on as before with a swollen, unstable Germany. There is a verse by the Russian poet Anna Akhmatova that captures his dilemma: .. the past is rotting in the

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That is from "A Poem without a Hero", an adequate description of the present Community as it searches in vain for heroic leadership.

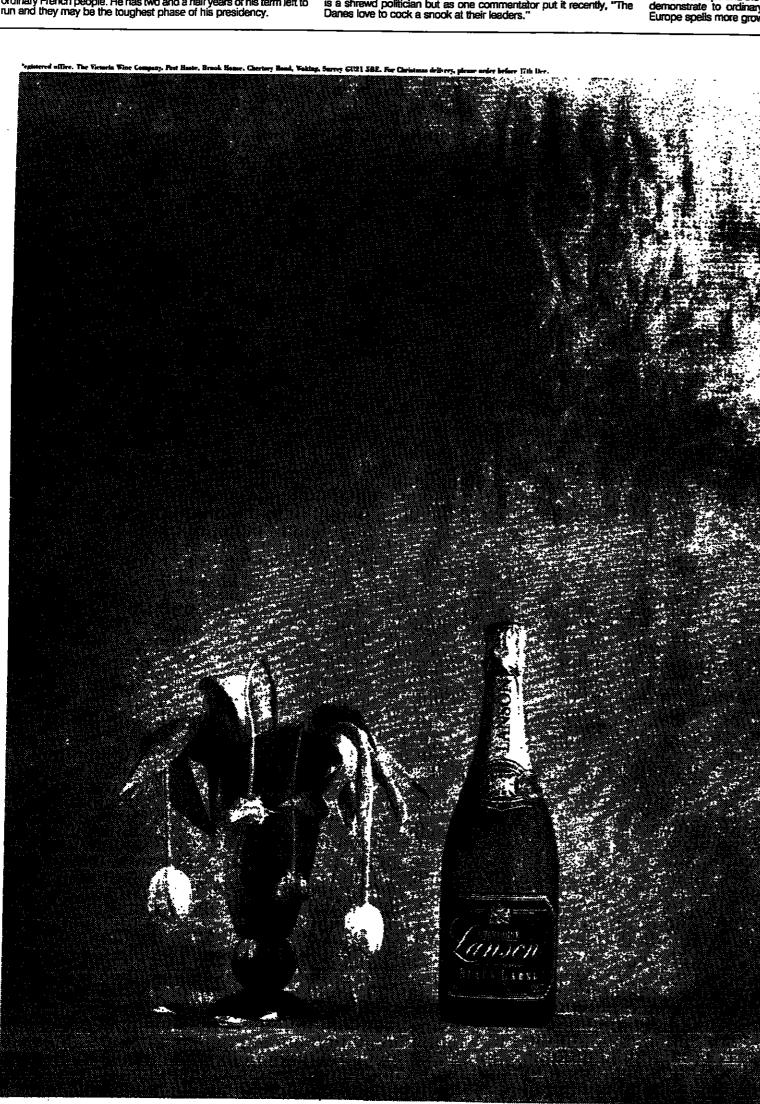
he natural way out of this leadership vacuum would be to turn to the United States. That seems on the surface to be an attractive option. President-elect Bill Clinton, though he is almost the same age as John Major, is manifestly of a different generation. While Mr Major has been moulded by the Thatcher years and the market revolution of the 1980s, Mr Clinton's views are rooted in the class of '68. As more and more 40-year-olds rise to decisive positions in commerce and society, so Mr Clinton seems to be the voice for a new self-confident gener-

ation of leaders.

But it is probably misguided to seek inspiration from across the Atlantic. Mr Clinton is as much a prisoner of recession as the Europeans. On the day after his election, he said: "I am going to focus like a laser (beam on the economy." Then, almost as an afterthought, he added: "and foreign policy wifl come into play in so far as it affects the economy."

If Mr Clinton has isolation-

ist instincts, the European drift can only encourage him. As the American commentator William Pfaff wrote recently: "The European débacle validates every one of the percep-tions of Europe which lay behind American isolationism in the 19th century, and in the 1920s and 1930s." His conclusion captures the tone of Washington-in-transition: can they (the Europeans) expect the US to save Europe from itself a third time this century? Do they not understand that this may not happen? That is a question designed to irritate a European audience. But it does have to be addressed quickly - by the political class of Europe.



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A whiff of raw sex

DR DAVID KELLY, of the University of Wales is reported to have suggested that the recipe for success at the Christmas party is to forget the deodorants and aftershave and allow the natural smell of the armpit to work its magic on the opposite sex.

At this time of year, men secrete five times more pheromones, the chemicals which produce a sexually stimulat-ing smell, than in the summer. Dr Kelly's views should not be taken as a licence to avoid bathing, for it would probably be worse for any would-be Don Juan to obscure the healthy smell of the pheromones with BO than with aftershave

Whatever the season, doctors always take an interest in a patient's armpits, or the axillae, and no examination is complete without feeling them to see if any enlarged lymph glands are present.

Finding an enlarged gland always causes some concern: breasts are searched for suspicious lumps, and arms for infections or other skin lesions. If no local cause is found, the gland is often taken out for examination by the pathologist so as to exclude generalised disease.

The American Journal of Medicine, quoting research from Mount Sinal Hospital in New York, reports that the skill of a pathologist is not always needed to make the correct diagnosis. For instance, in a study, 21 out of 25 healthy women with unexplained enlarged armpit. glands regularly used a roll-on deodorant, while in a control group, only ten out of 40 women who did not have enlarged glands had used



GOOD doctors are pessimists who leave nothing to chance. They should combine the philosophy of the officer cadet school — "Think of the worst that can happen, and prepare for it" - with that of the old lag in the barrack-room

who is addicted to both belt and braces. It is therefore unlikely that when tragedy results from routine surgery, as in the case of Ruth Silverman, who died after complications following a hysterectomy, no one factor can be blamed. Mrs Silverman was originally admitted for a hysterectomy via the vaginal route, but this was later changed to an abdominal hysterectomy. But after surgery, she developed gut complications. Laparoscopy — viewing the abdominal structures via a type of endoscope, an illuminated tube inserted through the abdominal wall - revealed that adhesions (scar tissue) had formed, obstruct-

remove these by keyhole surgery. In Mrs Silverman's case, there seems to have been a chapter of misfortunes or, as the coroner at her inquest put it, "It is a combination of missed opportunities which has led to this unfortunate

ing the gut, and a decision was made to

lady's death." The principal of sound surgery used to be wide exposure. The slick operator, intent on making his name as a smart society surgeon, would learn to remove an appendix through a tiny incision, arguing that after the event the scar was the only way a patient could judge the operation. The cautious surgeon, on the other hand, made a large incision, so that he could have a good look round and, if anything went wrong, there was room to manoeuvre. The end result was



a longer period of recuperation, but eventually the patient recovered.

Keyhole surgery is not just an extension of the conceit of the pre-war operator who prided himself on small scars. It does have very real advantages. In keyhole surgery the operation is carried out through very small apertures with the operation site only viewed indirectly via endoscope, so there is no rummaging around in the guts with gloved hands.

The endoscope transmits pictures of the inside of a patient on to a television screen, so the surgeon's actions are dictated by what he sees there. By means of keyhole surgery, gall bladders, kidneys, appendixes, even uteruses have been removed. The advantages are less blood loss, less damage to the adominal wall and the patient, if all has gone well, is fit for home and ready to return to their occupation very much sooner. The smaller wounds mean that there is less chance of wound infection, with all its possible complications.

The disadvantages are obvious. Although joint surgery through an arthroscope (an endoscope for looking into a joint) and laparoscopy have been around for many years, surgeons have

grown up with direct vision and like to run the guts through their hands so that they can say, with authority, "Well, that looks all right", and then close the patient up with confidence.

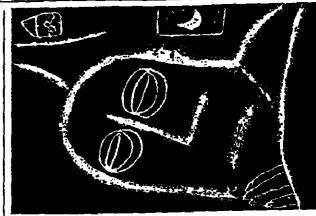
Viewing the surgical battlefield, and operating only by the indirect vision provided by a picture on a screen, is a whole new skill which has to be learnt. There is always a danger when a new technique is introduced that surgeons whose experience is necessarily limited will attempt too much.

After perforation of the gut, as happened with Mrs Silverman, the peritoneal cavity is contaminated by faecal bacteria and severe peritonitis will inevitably follow. Collapse is due to septicaemia, and the patient will thereafter need the care of a multi-disciplinary team such as is provided by an intensive care unit.

Although it is probably true that a London teaching hospital unit would epitomise excellence in this treatment. and a teaching hospital has the advantage of experts already at hand, there is no doubt that the Harley Street Clinic's intensive care unit, to which Mrs Silverman was admitted after she had collapsed at the Portland hospital, is justifiably proud of its record and just as highly regarded.

At any one time there are 15 patients

in the unit, mainly those who have had cardio-thoracic surgery. There is a senior house officer in the unit, with previous experience of intensive care, as well as the resident medical officers. The nationts are under the care of their consultants, who will bring expert advice to bear when needed.



Sweet to the labouring man

THE Royal Society of Medicine (RSM) launched a booklet this week on the medical management of insomnia. Insomnia affects 5 per cent of people under 30, but 35 per cent of those at the age of 65. Of those with a sleeping problem 48 per cent suffer every night.
The RSM report emphas-

ises the social implications of sleeplessness, the accidents -including road accidents - it causes next day, the underperformance and under-achievement it produces in those who have to work although they have had a sleepless night.

Despite the extent of the problem there is no perfect sleeping pill. The longer-act-ing benzodiazepines, Mogadon for instance, can

cause drowsiness next day; the medium-acting benzodiaz-epines, such as temazepam cause little drowsiness but dependence in some people can be a problem; the use of short-acting benzodiazepines has many advantages, but there is dispute as to whether or not they can cause other side-effects. The cyclopyr-rolone, Zimovane, is shorter acting and has fewer sideeffects - including daytime sedation, or loss of memory in the elderly - than benzodiaz-

Sleeping pills soon lose their effect and are virtually useless after being taken contimuously for more than 10-14 days. Pills are ideal, however. for transient insomnia such as that resulting from jetlag or some sudden acute stress. For other insomniaes they should only be prescribed for intermittent use to give a patient a good night's sleep when it is important for the next day.

According to a new survey, acne is neither a rite of passage nor necessarily a blight to life. Alice Thomson reports

What's par for your face?

such a deodorant.

and spread slowly up her face and down on to her chest. At first they were just small pimples, but after a couple of months they had grown into large, painful cysts that would not heal. Lorna Peters was 16 when

she began to develop acne. She gave up chocolate, crisps and chips, and bought all the overthe counter pots, potions and creams that she could from her local chemist, but they just seemed to exacerbate the problem. Her skin began to look as if it had been dive-bombed by thousands of monster mosqui toes, each intent on committing hara-kiri in a different pore. After a year of covering up with foundation and brushing her hair down around her face she went to the doctor. "I thought everyone was

calling me pizza face behind my back. My skin felt so unclean I just wanted to peel it all off, it was revolting. Boys lost all interest in me and I couldn't blame them." Miss Peters says. "While I was waiting for my appointment a woman came up and asked if I

had measles."
Miss Peter's GP was unsympathetic. He told her that most teenagers get spots and sug-gested that if she kept her face clean and did not tamper with any pimples she would "grow out" of the condition in a year. Seven years later Miss Peters no longer has acne, but only after changing her GP and being referred to a consultant

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survey ever carried out among those afflicted by acne, most sufferers put up with a lack of sympathy from GPs, despite the psychological pain caused. Results of the survey of 1,000 sufferers, which were pub-lished last week by the Acne Support Group, suggest that 52 per cent said their doctor was unsympathetic. Only 9 per cent said their doctor was

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The survey found that victims appear less likely to marry, with 60 per cent of sufferers remaining single, compared with a national average of 24 per cent. Sufferers will try almost any remedy: 97 per cent consulted GPs, 89 per cent bought over-the counter treatments and almost half had tried alternative forms of therapy costing up to £500. Of more than 40 prepa-rations available at chemists

above average in the treatment of the complaint.

The odd spot is seen as one of the rites of passage into adulthood, sandwiched between nappy rash and wrinkles. Up to 60 per cent of 14to-18 year old girls and 16-to-19-year-old boys experience ache. But the myth that severe acne is one of those inevitable trials of life has condemned many teenagers to appalling scarring, both physical and psychological.

Well-meaning parents who tell their suffering teenage children not to worry, as their spots will all miraculously disappear on their 21st birthday, are often ill-advised.

Acne is not just a teenage disease - 39 per cent of those sufferers surveyed were aged 25 to 34, 32 per cent were over 35 and 18 per cent had had acne for more than 25 years. Some, particularly women, had developed acne in their late twenties. Dr Tony Chu, a consultant

dermatologist at Hammer-smith Hospital, London, who specialises in acne, launched the Acne Support Group this year to provide advice to sufferers and to try to increase public awareness of the dis-

Dr Chu decided to set up the support group after appearing on BBC1's Hospital Watch last year and persuading the programme to set up a helpline. Nearly 1,000 people called the line and Dr Chu has since received more than 12,000 letters.

People think you get acne because you're dirty and eat the wrong things. This is rubbish," Dr Chu says. As a teenager he himself suffered from acne, so he can draw on his own early feelings and experiences.

Severe acne can ruin your

life and scar your skin so you never undress in public or swim, and are afraid to form relationships. Some of my patients have thought about committing suicide every

day."
One letter to Dr Chu came from a mother whose teenage son has a face that is "a mess". He washes with an antiseptic lotion four times a day, uses a sunlamp twice daily, discards towels after one shower and pats his face dry with kitchen roll. He has a phobia about sweating, for fear of develop-ing another blocked pore. The acne, his mother wrote, has not only taken over his life but that of his parents as well.

One of Dr Chu's female patients, he says, got acne at 25 and nearly lost her hus-band and her job because she refused to go out anymore.

one, according to Terence Kealey, a senior lecturer in the department of clini-cal biochemistry at the University of Cambridge, is a disease of the pilo-sebaceous unit. This consists of the tiny hairs that cover the body, and the oil gland that lubricates the hair

· His department has learnt how to isolate the duct and is er, that excessive washing can hoping to create an acree actually exacerbate the situa-



Spot the joke: Ade Edmonson reveals the unacceptable face of acne in The Young Ones

model. There are two types of acne," Mr Kealey says, "There is mild acne, where the cells of the duct divide excessively to block the duct and cause blackheads and whiteheads.

"Then there is severe acne, where the duct bursts and sebum, made of pure grease and bacteria, causes inflammatory collapse of the duct structure, and horrible pustules form." He says acne, like facial hair

and body odour, can be a sign of the onset of puberty, but that does not mean it should be tolerated. Food and drinks are not a cause of acne, he says. but stress can make the condition worse. Dr Daiydd Roberts, a consultant dermatologist at Sin-

gleton Hospital, Swansea, says

that treatments for acne have improved dramatically in the past few years. Sufferers just need to come forward. "Roacuteane - a vitamin A treatment - has revolutionised treatments and can cure most acnes. Of my patients, 75 per cent have been cured in four months," Dr Roberts says. There are side-effects such as dry lips and eyes, and muscle pains, and natients who are pregnant

If you suffer continually from several spots, Dr Roberts advises over-the-counter remedies, but if these are ineffective a GP should be consulted and you should ask for a topical treatment. He warns, howev-

shouldn't take it. But the side

effects do not last."

tion. "Don't just be fobbed off with a two-week course of antibiotics. Antibiotics should be used at the full dose for a couple of months, then slowly withdrawn. If they still don't work, ask to see a dermatologist. They can either give you a prescription to treat the hormones, treat the infection with stronger antibiotics or use Roacuteane, which shrinks the sebaceous glands."

ut how does the suf-ferer know when it is GP and make a fuss? legitimate to go to a Dr Gabriel Jaffe, a GP in Bournemouth. Dorset. says: 'If it is a problem socially or it is inhibiting your work, ask your GP for advice. The girl who only has a few bad spots has just as much right to consult her GP as someone with severe acne if they are causing her misery.
"When I qualified, skin was

at the bottom of doctors' priorities. Slowly we're beginning to realise the huge effect it has on peoples' lives." According to Dr Halla

Beloff, a social psychologist at Edinburgh university, acne is one of the worst disfigurements. "People always tell you to put on a brave face. But how can you when its your face that is the problem? People hate the thought of touching blemished skin."

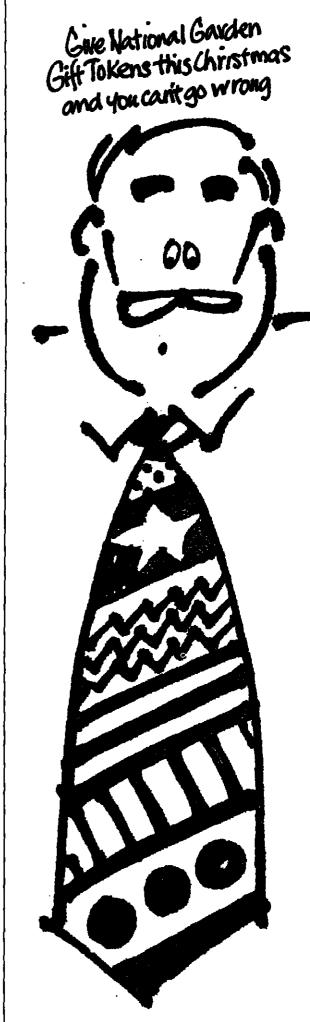
As well as seeking out a dermatologist, her advice to sufferers is to fight back. "Make a real effort with clothes, hair and your body and look positive."

Dr Chu believes that advertisements for skin-care products merely add salt to the wound. "The advertising for acne is unrealistic. You see people with severe acne and cysts miraculously cured in a week. Now that just doesn't happen. It also perpetuates the myth of uncleanliness, because the before pictures always show the victim with a greasy fringe, dirty clothes and stooping, and the after pictures show the blemish-free person in a slinky new outfit off to some disco."

But Dr William Cunliffe, a dermatologist based at the Leeds General Infirmary, believes that over-the-counter products are the most effective remedy for the majority of teenagers with spots. "Benzoyl Peroxide, the ac-

tive ingredient in the most widely available over-thecounter products for spots and physiological acne, is the most effective therapy," he says. "It lessens bacteria and also reduces comedones [the medical name for blackheads), red spots and pus-spots." Dr Chu's immediate con-

cern is the health department's decision to extend the list of restricted drugs to include skin products, which would potentially limit the availability of treatment on prescription. "Topical antibiotics can cost £7 for two weeks of treatment That is a lot of money for a kid to find," he says. But his outlook is optimistic. "Give me a young sufferer and a year and I'll give them good skin



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A sad day for the monarchy



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hy did they have to do it? For some time, they have been leading virtually separate lives, and their immensely privileged circumstances have enabled them to do so with none of the difficulties that beset most married couples who are not getting on. Whereas most people live in a single dwelling, house or flat, with few rooms and restricted space, the Prince and Princess of Wales have two large residences, and easy access to other palaces or stately homes.

Most marriages go through periods of some strain, but it is the whole point of marriage that the partners, especially those who have made Christian vows, should not quit when the going is hard.
The presence of children greatly reinforces the case for soldiering on, even in ordinary families with no public responsibility. For the heir to the throne and his wife, with two young sons, the arguments for maintaining the formal integrity of their marriage should have been overwhelming.

Those arguments have not, however, served to prevent the separation that has just been announced, and one has to remark upon the extraordinary timing, within a few days of the Princess Royal's wedding, and little more than a fortnight before Christmas. If the Prince and Princess of Wales, or one of them, were determined to upstage the Princess Royal, to ensure an unhappy Christmas for their children, and to give a final nasty twist to the Queen's annus horribilis, they could hardly have timed the announcement more cunningly. We are witnessing either an almost unprecedented display of selfishness, or a lack of understanding that baffles belief.

The Prince of Wales is, deservedly, held in high esteem for his public work, and the Princess of Wales has a following not unlike that of a film star. As individuals, they may continue, in their different ways, to play a vital part in the work of the monarchy. But their separation poses acute problems for the future.

Whatever may be contrived while the prince remains heir to the throne, it is surely unrealistic to imagine a continued separation if and when he becomes king. The spectacle of a king with a queen consort leading a detached, but still very public, life, would be an absurdity.

ohn Major told the House of Commons that they could be crowned together, and there were some gasps of astonishment when he said it, as well there might be. Quite apart from the essentially Christian character of the ceremony, it would surely be quite ridiculous for a king and queen to come together merely to be crowned in Westminster Abbey, before resuming their separate lives. Such an example of having their cake and eating it would be unacceptable to normal secular opinion, to say nothing of committed Anglican opinion. MPs seemed distinctly subdued when asked to demonstrate their sympathy for the prince and princess.

So long as neither of them wishes to marry another person, the separation may not lead to divorce. But it is hard to see how it could be decently maintained if the throne were to become vacant. We must hope that they will come together again before that situation arises.

There was much talk by the prime minister, John Smith, and Paddy Ashdown about the need for the couple to have more privacy. This sort of talk can be overdone, and is anyway only to a limited degree applicable to the present case. In a civilised country, everybody, including above all private people, has a right to protection against gross intrusion into their personal lives. Public figures have a right to it, too, though they have to realise that their positions necessarily make them more vulnerable to publicity. They should therefore be careful to avoid behaving in such a way as

to attract it in an adverse form.

By far the most significant event in the background to yesterday's announcement was the publication of Andrew Morton's book. That was not a case of intrusion by the press, but of mindboggling indiscretions by certain friends of the Princess of Wales. The media cannot reasonably

be blamed for reporting such a story. If there had been no announcement of separation yesterday, and weeks had turned into months without any such announcement, the couple could have expected, gradually, to enjoy more privacy. As it is, the pressure for news of them can only increase. Are they both, or both equally, desirous of privacy? One has to wonder.

Can even the best scientists really tell us anything profound about the nature of God's universe?

have been waiting appre-hensively to hear a cry of " Run for your lives!", followed by the realisation that there is nowhere to run to. Not long ago, Professors Bondi and Lyttleton announced that the earth is getting smaller, so that sooner or later we were going to fall off. They worked out that the world has been steadily shrinking since it arrived in the firmament (getting on for five billion years ago, they say. which is another poke in the belly with a burnt stick for Archbishop Ussher), and the two Profs now insist that by shedding a full millimetre a year it has shrunk to a dangerous degree, and will soon be too small to hold even the skinny

The enemy lie fifteen hundred paces from our camp".
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people. Shakespeare had a word

We had much the same trouble some time ago, when Fred Hoyle was about, denouncing the entire theory of the Big Bang and nailing his colours to the mast of the Steady State: I never understood how he claimed the universe came into being - presumably not with a bang but a whimper but for that matter I still can't understand how the Big Bang did it. And nobody understands either argument, because every-

Incredible shrinking world

one always comes up against the immovable object what or who, was there before the Big Bang or the Steady State?

At this point, Professor Bondi will go black in the face, having sniffed a suggestion that God might have had a hand in it. and when Prof Bondi hears the word God he reaches for his pea-shooter. I remember the amazing scene that took place when a man in Southend forked out £50,000 to have franked on a vast number of envelopes the words "Jesus is Alive" (it was Eastertime). Prof Bondi, when he heard of this harmless Christian action, flipped his lid good and proper, saying (in a letter to *The Times*) that he was "... greatly perturbed... obscene... most offensive...trample underfoot the sensitivity of a minority. . . ". and a good deal more of the

same kidney. To be sure, a man can be so barmy as to think that the Resurrection of Christ is "obscene", and still talk sense about tectonic plates and the interior of the Earth three million years ago, but I would advise anyone who is about to meet the Prof to carry a rabbit's foot and clutch it BEHNARD LEVIN

tightly if the talk turns to Jesus. A fortiori, a cross pinned in the lapel would be something of a

I sometimes wonder whether the scientists who work in the fields of millions of years ago shouldn't give it up and try basket-weaving instead. For a start, though it is not the most important aspect, any statement as to what the Earth looked like before Bernard Manning's jokes will immediately be con-tradicted by a rival scientist with a different theory. (There are more solutions to the mystery of the disappearing dinosaurs than there were dinosaurs.) But so much of the serious investigations are, though the investigators will deny it vehemently, no more than guesswork. Just stop for a moment and say to yourself "I see; that was what happened a hundred million years ago"; say it three times, and I bet you start laughing. (If you make it a thousand million years, you will start the laughing

on the second go.) You will be right to laugh, because nobody could possibly know anything at all substantial about what the Earth, let alone the universe, looked like then. If the claims of the scientists were couched in less certain tones, it would be a help, but not much of one; we would still know nothing of significance.

nce I read a science-fiction story about some present-day scientists who had made a time machine, and were offering trips to the Mesozoic, where they could shoot dinosaurs as big-game hunters shoot big game. But they were warned not to kill or even move anything other than the designated beast, which was always one about to die anyway; the point was that if anything at all was changed, it would - as the millions of years expanded from the "seed" of the action change the present-day reality, not necessarily for the better. (In the story, the present-day, to which they had returned, turned out to be very horrid

Yes, yes, we can learn something from the strata of rocks, and the radioactivity of the earth, and indeed from the dinosaurs' fossils. But do we know - can we know - where the dinosaurs came from? Of course not; but then, we do not know where the rocks we use to measure by came from, either. However vain the desire to

know the how and when of the

making of the Earth, let alone the why, I can easily see what drives scientists, and indeed many laymen, to pursue such clues as they find or think they find which will explain this inexplicable world of ours. We are, after all, in the universe for cool or ill. good or ill, and we need only look up at the night sky to be struck dumb by the mystery of it. And when daylight comes, though the catch in the breath that we feel at night fades with the stars, more prosaic questions arise. What do these rocks tell us? What does this radioactivity explain? When did the mountains heave themselves up from the shifting earth?

We are wasting our time, and for proof of that pessimistic conclusion all we need to do is to contemplate the cave-paintings of Lascaux. Fifteen thousand years ago, art existed, among people whom we would not recognise as fully human. If you will explain that I will under-

take to explain the rocks and their radioactivity. Let me return to what started all this: the claim by Professor

Lyttleton and Professor ("Dewn with God") Bondi that the Earth has been shrinking by a millimetre a year for five hillion years. Do they not - and let me say at once that their opponents are every bit as silly in their way

make fools of themselves. Or
is it that they make fools of science?

I think of the Greek geome-ters and of Galileo ("Lippur si muove"), with practically nothing in the way of equipment, discovering the world and its ways. What is the difference, you ask? Proof. I answer. Pythagoras's Theorem can be proved. (Dammit, once upon a time I could prove it myself.) Those of our own-day scientists who stir the embers of fires that went out millions of years ago may believe, but can never know. It would be better for all of us if they said as much.

And now they say that when enough millimetres have disappeared from the Earth's circumference we shall fall off. I believe it as much as I believe the old theatrical story, of the play-agent who plucks a hopeful's drama from his in-tray and reads on the first page "Act One: A million years before the first life appears on Earth. Act Two:

The networks have landed

🕇 he invasion of Somalia is underway. Marching into Mogadishu, bawling orders, knocking things down, frightening the locals and buying up people, goods and services, they have finally arrived: the American television networks.

The sociologist Marshall Mc-Luhan pointed out that "tele-vision brought the brutality of the Vietnam war into the comfort of the living room", and the arc lights and anchormen have played a pivotal role in every major conflict since. But Operation Restore Hope is quite different Television is not part of the process, it is the entire process: the decision to send troops to Somalia was born out of the emotive footage of starving people and armed bandits, and the grand humanitarian gesture thus launched will be played out for and in front of the

"C'est magnifique, mais ce n'est pas la guerre," whatever the Pentagon may try to sugin part a public relations exercise, co-ordinated between the government, the military and the networks. A full 24 hours before the first troops came ashore in Mogadishu, officials had announced the precise location and timing of the landing
— dawn in Somalia, evening prime time in America. The Pentagon had stated that there was no danger of mines, but still three teams of US Navy Seals in camouflage make-up "stormed" onto the beach to clear the way. The Somali "enemy" had long since vanished and in military terms the dramatic landing was perfectly unnecessary, as television it was rivetting and as military PR it was a disaster.

The hundred or so waiting cameramen, photographers and journalists quickly sur-rounded the soldiers, to their evident discomfort. It is hard to look brave and battle-ready when you arrive to discover that hundreds of civilians have been wandering around the "combat zone" for days. "Welcome to Somalia." said a

friendly journalist. Hands up," came the furious

reply.

The Pentagon immediately tried to insist that the blinding camera lights be switched off, so that the Seals could wear their

Ben Macintyre, in New York, on America's prime-time invasion



night-vision goggles to see the Somali warlords who weren't there. Later, grumpy Marines tried to get their own back by forcing about 60 journalists to lie face down on the dock at Mogadishu port, but the dam-

age had already been done. The US Defense Department, however, made little effort to disguise the fact that the dawn landing had been set up in much the same way as a

sporting event.
The television commentators yesterday were plunged into a semantic muddle many found the habits of Desert Storm hard to break and called the exercise an invasion, others opted for the more neutral "landing". None called it what it was, a piece of charity showbusiness that only America could have produced. Whatever the Pentagon's pro-

testations, the operation is effectively under the control of American television. Perhaps one day military manoeuvres will be handed over completely to the electronic media: "Sorry, Stormin' Norman honey, can you invade again? The sound level wasn't right."

A former foreign editor of this newspaper, Ralph Deakin, once remarked that "Nothing is news until it has appeared in The Times." In America nothing is news now until the network anchormen are there on the scene, philosophising in flakjackets. Before the anchormen arrived in Mogadishu, Americans showed a marked lack of interest in Somalia, a story plugged away at by the worthier newspapers but largely ignored elsewhere; that has now changed, for in America there is

nothing either good or bad, but television makes it so. The relationship between

America's newscasters and the viewing public is bizarre and unique. Part oracles, part ambassadors, such luminaries as ABC's Ted Koppel, NBC's Tom Brokaw and CBS's Dan Rather do not report the news, they are the news. Well before the Marines went in, the New York Times ran a headline announcing: "Now, From Sornalia, Three Star Newscasters".

With obvious delight those

newscasters found themselves in the strange position of reporting on themselves, as news. "The most difficulty the Marines had to face all day", said Ted Koppel. host of ABC's Nightline, "is having to face the carrieras and the lights." This inelegant remark was not an

where they come close to eclips-ing the story itself. The personal appeal by a television newscaster is a powerful tool, as Michael Buerk of the BBC proved with his first, moving reports out of famine-struck Ethiopia. But in America such "I smelled the

one, and often it is almost impossible to find the news behind the chummy talking heads. journalists into stars probably

apology, more a boast. Indeed, the celebrity of American newscasters has reached the stage cordite" reporting is a stock-intrade, every report is a personal

The evolution of America's television war-reporters from started in Vietnam, and has reached its ultimate expression in Somalia. That is partly the fault of the networks themselves. a result of the never-ending

television ratings war that elevates personality over substance. but it is also a function of the way the US government has chosen to portray Operation Restore Hope

Of all the areas of the world rent by civil war and famine. America chose to help Somalia for two reasons: the situation is far less dangerous than, say, the Sudan, Mozambique or Bosnia and it makes better television. The outgoing Bush administra-tion needed to make a gesture, for the starving people of Soma-lia certainly, but also to restore hope in America and the Re-

publican Party.

As one media critic said yesterday: The bottom line is that the heart of every 10-yearold in the country has to beat a little faster when they see the Seals storming ashore." And for that, the cameras are vital.

ut the landing in Mogadishu was rendered farcical because the seams showed too visible, the scene too obviously staged and the danger virtually non-existent. The soldiers who came ashore were intended to represent America at its most resourceful, daring and generous. They ended up looking silly, because the other half of the equation — the people charged with relaying that image to America and the world -

got in the way. Defense Secretary Dick Cheney was angry yesterday that the soldiers had, he said, been exposed to danger by the lights of the cameras; but what had really been exposed was the convenient and unspoken pact established between the Ameri-

can government and the media. What is now taking place in Somalia is not a war. It is not even. primarily, a peace-keep-ing operation, but something far more mundane and impor-tant: a logistical exercise in moving huge quantities of food. By trying to pretend otherwise. the American government has exposed a creditable. life-saving enterprise to ridicule, and shot itself in the foot. After the embarrassment of yesterday's dawn landing a Pentagon spokesman observed "We prob-ably should have inserted the public affairs officer first." He was not joking.

A step from the throne

BEFORE JOHN MAJOR made his historic statement on the royal marriage to a packed House of Commons yesterday he delved into the history books to see how his predecessor Stanley Baldwin handled the last great parliamentary statement on the royal family: the abdication of King Edward VIII which took place 56 years ago

Major's aides pored through Hansard to find the exact words used by Stanley Baldwin on De-cember 10, 1936. But the prime minister could have turned to Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone, the former Lord Chancellor, who, as the son of an hereditary peer, sat on the steps of the throne in the House

of Lords on the day. Hailsham has never forgotten the fateful moment when the Leader of the Lords, Viscount Halifax, declared that King Edward VIII had decided to abdicate. "To think I was only a few feet away from the king's throne," he says. "It was a cold, serious and very miserable day. It was a remarkable experience. The statement was heard in total silence. The least said the soonest mended."

Hailsham, one of the country's leading constitutional experts, believes that yesterday's announcement is as grave as that made in 1936: "It is a sad day for the monarchy and the country."

An ardent monarchist, he was appalled at the dissenting voices raised in the Commons after the prime minister's statement. "In 936 parliamentarians in both houses displayed real decorum. Real manners. There were no questions. We just absorbed the grave news."

In 1936 Hailsham had heard a whisper that something was amiss with the king. There were rumours of an American divorcee among those in the know. "We knew very little about Mrs Simpson. The press did not know much more. It was reported very little. The announcement caused real surprise, grief and shock to many who heard it. Today it seems the press is always first to hear. They have more enterprising ways these days. to say the least."

Prize turnout

IF Rosemary Lamont is not already running her husband's haphazard



personal finances, she should be. At her much publicised coffee morning in 11 Downing Street last week she doubled her original estimate of raising £5.000 to help boost Tory party funds, according

to one who attended. About 150 people turned up, including Ann Parkinson, wife of Lord Parkinson, and Gillian Clarke, wife of the home secretary. All heeded the invitation to bring at least three gifts, worth £5 each, for the Tory Winter Ball tombola.

Jeroboams of champagne, bot-ties of wine, tasteful prints, biographies of John Major, art books, biscuits, chocolates and copies of the party's book of general election anecdotes, signed by its compiler, Sir John Cope, the treasury minis-ter were left by the guests in a downstairs reception room before they moved upstairs for coffee. Sandra Howard, a fellow organiser and wife of the environment secretary, was coy about the total raised.
"We had a lovely turnout and we got some lovely prizes which will help to raise money. But I couldn't possibly say how much."

Forward thinking

ROYAL biographers hoping for a quiet Christmas were besieged by their editors and agents yesterday as the latest round of royal books were commissioned. Anthony Holden, the Prince of Wales's biographer, who has been commissioned by Bantam to write a definitive book on the state of the royal family, is to speed up the process. But he had already taken the precaution of preparing a section predicting the end of the Wales's

When Holden wrote the respected biography Charles. Prince of Wales, in 1979, he was convinced the subject of his book would one day be king. He has changed his mind. "It is a lot more difficult now. It will take an enormous amount for him to achieve that, even though his whole life has been devoted to becoming king. It is con-ceivable that Prince Charles has already reached that condusion. and that there will be a regency or his son will inherit."



Brushes with royalty

 Despite her woes, the Queen has found the time to sympathise with one of her subjects. John Anthony. the Scottish painter, centre, whose plight was revealed in the diary last month, has just received a letter from Her Majesty via Sir Kenneth Scott, deputy private secretary to the Cuses. the Queen.

Anthony who has painted each member of the royal family, including the two above, and claims to be the only artist to have done so, is being forced by the recession to seen.

break up the collection. "I was most interested to read about your collection of paintings and sympathise with you over the necessity to sell," the Queen writes. "I hope that your wish to keep them in this country is granted". Anthony's letter from the Queen was dated December 3, only a few days after the Windsor fire which destroyed one of her own paintings. Whether the Queen will replace her lost art with Anthony's work remains to be

● EC delegates arriving in Edin-burgh for the summit will doubt-less enjoy the welcome they receive from the Scotch Whisky Associ-ation, which is providing each of them with half a dozen miniature Scotch whiskies to keep out the Ed-inburgh chill. Campbell Evans, of the association, save: "Our director the association, says: "Our director general Bill Bewsher will be presenting the packs to John Major in person today."

But the dram, known in pubs throughout Scotland as a "nippy sweetie", may leave a sour tuste, The message on the bottles comes from Robbie Burns: "Freedom and whisky gang the gither", a timely reminder from the association that the notional timely the national tipple is not yet free from discriminatory tuxation.



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A SEPARATION

Frankness and modesty make the best friends at court

Royal marriages attract hyperbole as fiercely as mortal illnesses attract euphemism. Whether the news is for good or ill. exaggeration is regularly the victor. Yesterday in the House of Commons there was an almost palpable gloom when the Prime Minister announced the royal separation. Serious Members of Parliament described Mr Major's short speech as the saddest announcement from the despatch box for two decades. The mood would have suited a royal death. It seemed somewhat excessive * for a civilised decision by two adults to live

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There are many people in Britain who, however unconsciously, measure their own lives by the royal family's landmarks. One MP remarked yesterday how he had been born on the same day as Prince Charles and had always followed his life with closeness and care. Few are wholly free from that sense of shared experience. In February, 11 years ago we headed this column with the words 'The Happiest of News". Five months later we exulted that "Even the Sun Shone" as the Prince and Princess of Wales, their brief period of betrothal complete, were married at St Paul's Cathedral. Today we sympathise with the personal circumstances that have brought two people to decide that their roles as man and wife can be acted out no longer.

Yesterday's announcement should not, however, be a matter for public misery. The separation is in many ways a relief. The truth did not break on "a stunned and sorrowing people", the words which we used to describe the news of King Edward VIII's abdication. There is little place to be stunned, in a country where one marriage in three ends in divorce. In the 1990s, as in every other decade, the upholding of the monarchy requires many necessary and wholesome fictions; but a fictional royal marriage is now not one of them.

The press was much criticised in the House of Commons yesterday. Whatever the role of the media in making the royal relationship more difficult (a matter which is unlikely to be adjudicated fairly in the current climate) the insistent press scrutiny must certainly have made it harder to live the lie of a successful marriage. It is a benefit that so painful a necessity has now ceased.

The immediate public issues are few. For the press a period of restraint has been demanded. It is unlikely that the reporting of the Prince and Princess will slacken. however desirable that might be. The privacy of the two young princes ought, however, to respected. It is rash to predict that the public would ever punish a newspaper which harassed young boys whose parents had decided to part. But, whether from compassion or self-interest, the press should heed the calls.

As the prime minister made clear, there is today no constitutional crisis. There is barely as yet even a constitutional issue: The succession to the throne is unaffected. The succession as Head of the Church of England is unaffected. The change in the Prince's circumstances should allow a reopening of the question about whether his talents deserve a more substantial role.

The position of the Princess of Wales may yet bring greater problems. She might now usefully consider a quieter role for a time. Although there are no constitutional reasons why she should not become Queen one day, there may now be severe practical difficulties. A reigning Queen who was sepa-rated from her husband could not carry out all her public duties, still less act as a unifying symbol.

That is a matter for the future, for the very distant future we hope. The Queen can command the sympathy and respect of the whole nation as her annus horribilis ends

GAIDAR AGONISTES

The real battle is about who runs Russia, and for whose benefit

The past has voted against the future in may yet trim on economic strategy. But his Russia. The Congress of People's Deputies, more than half of whom owe their seats to their loyalty to the communist system, narrowly failed last weekend to deprive President Yeltsin of his power to form a government. Yesterday, they struck back by throwing out Mr Yeltsin's candidate for prime minister, Yegor Gaidar, who has held the job for a year in an acting capacity.

This vote was critical because the confrontation between Boris Yeltsin and his opponents is not over Mr Gaidar as an individual, or even over his policies. The struggle, which has more than a whiff of old Kremlin politics about it, is over who governs Russia, and for whose benefit. Although some of their number insist that increased state intervention is compatible with market reform, most of those who voted against Mr Gaidar want to protect the vast state industrial machine from market forces through a modified, "state capitalist", version of the command economy. That would leave the levers of power inherited from

communism largely intact. Mr Yeltsin may decide to retain Mr Gaidar in his acting capacity until the next session of the congress in April, as he is entitled to do. But the president's personal authority, while still considerable, has been weakened by this rebuff, which is what his opponents intended. He is partly to blame for this setback. Conscious that public support for economic reform was wavering, he sought to deflect criticism from himself earlier this autumn by withdrawing his

protection from Mr Gaidar and his team. Mr Yeltsin appears to have regretted his flirtation with conservative forces. This week. he described a vote for Mr Gaidar as a guarantee to the outside world "that Russia is moving along the path of reform". He

attempted bribe to the congress, offering it a veto over the choice of key ministers, did not save Mr Gaidar and leaves Russia even less governable than before.

Neither the congress nor the Russian parliament, elected in 1990, should be assumed to represent ordinary Russians, although anxiety about de-industrialistion is widespread. Most deputies owe their careers to the command economy. Despite the emergency powers Mr Yeltsin won from parliament in 1991, both bodies have considerable power to obstruct government policies, making adjustment more difficult and painful. Yet no group in either has a workable strategy for managing the changes sweeping the real Russia. The Civic Union coalition of industrialists, nationalists and military men joined forces with diehard communists this week, instead of welcoming Mr Yeltsin's invitation to forge the basis of a 'civilised, two-party system'.

Mr Yeltsin may well respond by gathering the million signatures needed for a referendum on abolishing the congress. What Russia needs is a clear separation of powers between executive and legislatures, absent under the existing constitution. The vote underlines Russia's urgent need for political as well as economic reforms.

Mr Yeltsin still has the backing of most Russians, who have proved remarkably philosophical about the pain involved in learning to work with markets. They trust no instant panaceas, and they know that economic decline began well before reforms were undertaken. What they curse is chaos at the top, the chief enemy of reform. In constant disputes over where power resides. the vested interests created under the old system wield disproportionate influence. They have had a field day this week.

TOO BAD TO BE TRUE

The economic darkness is lightening: believe it

Anyone who follows fashion will know that black was the colour of last year's collections. But in Britain's corporate boardrooms, as well as in the print and television news-

rooms, black is all the rage this autumn. The fashion for economic pessimism was e understandable enough before sterling broke out of the ERM chain gang on the day of economic liberation that was characteristically dubbed Black Wednesday. Interest rates, though not yet low enough, have fallen towards a reasonable level. British goods are again competitively priced in world markets. The stockmarket is scaling new records. And the prime minister has personally promised to do whatever is necessary to restore economic growth. Yet anyone who judged the state of the nation by political soundbites and media headlines would conclude that Britain was hurtling faster than ever into a

recessionary black hole. Last week's scare stories were about job losses, or more precisely job massacres. In reality, the redundancies likely to result in the coming months from the job cuts recently announced by the Post Office, banks and many other employers will be but a small fraction of the blood-curdling headline figures. As The Times showed on Monday, employers often overemphasise the savagery of their planned job reductions, in order to impress shareholders and take advantage of an accountancy loophole that is due to close next June. With the flow of

redundancy announcements now drying up ahead of Christmas, the doomsters are having to turn to another fountain of economic poison. "Ford prices rocket 10 per cent" screamed the tabloids yesterday. The outrage was, of course, encouraged by Labour, which imediately called on the government "to act" in unspecified ways against Ford.

More companies will revise price lists in the New Year, leading to more inflationary horrors. Yet, like the redundancy announcements, the stories of rising prices are not quite what they seem. In Ford's case only a handful of supercharged models will rise by as much as 10 per cent. The great majority of the company's British-built small cars will go up only 4.5 per cent, while the bigger Sierras and Granadas, made in Germany and Belgium will go up by 7.5 per cent.

As Ford pointed out on Tuesday, the sterling cost of its foreign-made models has risen considerably more than 7.5 per cent as a result of devaluation. But this is not the issue. Whether Ford or any other company is "justified" in raising its prices is a question for the market. If Fords become too

expensive, people will buy other cars. Why, then, do the media and the politicians make such a fuss? In the words of the old Fleet Street adage, bad news sells. But at a time when there is genuinely bad news in abundance, misinformation hardly seems required.

ETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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Case for further intervention by West in Bosnia's war

From Mr John G. Kennedy

Sir, Your leading article (December 5) and subsequent correspondence (December 8) have displayed dangerous ignorance in assessing the conditions for further Western involvement in the current Bosnian civil war.

Here we have no foreign army, but three indigenous peoples fighting amongst themselves town by town and in some cases street by street. The current role of Serbia and the rump Yugoslavia cannot warrant the term aggressor, which is used to describe an attack by one state on another.

Serbia is not attacking Bosma-Herzegovina. The Foreign Office minister, Douglas Hogg, said in a written answer (Hansard, col 554. October 27) that there was no firm evidence on whether the Serbian regime was supplying the Serbs in Bosnia-Herzegovina. No intelligence report, it seems, exists to point to arms, troops, munitions or other military assistance crossing the borderfrom Serbia to Bosnia-Herzegovina. Thus any plan to attack Serbia itself would be impossible to justify and would almost certainly be rejected, in my view, by Russia and China in the Security Council.

To give weapons to any of Bosnia's three communities would massively escalate the conflict. The idea seems at odds with a consensus that one of Bosnia's ethnic entities should not be encouraged to crush another.

The fighting in Bosnia has gone beyond the point where the use of outside force would have any effect. This is not ultimately a war of territorial ambition: we are witnessing a bitter inter-ethnic conflict within a population whose majority now seem intent on stifling the new sovereign state of which they are all a legitimate part. No army in the world could enter such a tangle safely.

Yours faithfully JOHN KENNEDY, 9 Cork Street, Mayfair, W1. December 8.

From Dr Drago Stambuk

Sir, Your otherwise excellent leading article on the situation in Bosnia is misleading in one important respect. You say that "the UN should be there to stop the fighting and push the Serbs (and Croats) back from Bosnian territory taken by force" (emphasis added).

Croatia has never claimed, let alone seized, Bosnian territory. Indeed, Croatia was among the first states to recognise the sovereignty of Bosnia-Herzegovina within its existing legal Were it not for the n of ethnic Croats within Bosnia-Herzegovina against Serb aggression the Bosnian Muslims would have been defeated already and the murder would be still more widespread.

Impoverished Croatia is now bear-

From Mrs Barbara Roche, MP for

Hornsey and Wood Green (Labour)

Sir, Your report of December 8.

Double role

From Mr Christopher Morcom, QC

"Clarke defends trawl of files for Clinton records", details the home secretary's appearance before the home affairs select committee and his responses to our questions about why his department had checked their files during the US presidential election able situation.

campaign to ascertain whether Bill Clinton had applied for British citizenship during the Vietnam war. While the home secretary told us that his press office had been "overhelpful", he gave no explanation as to why the search had been allowed, and why, if press officers had over-reached themselves without ministerial authorisation, no disciplinary

action was being taken.
As David Winnick said in the House of Commons yesterday, unless some separation is made between the daily workings of departments of state and purely party matters, departments become no more than extensions of Conservative Central Office. As in the matter of the payment of the Chancellor's legal bills, civil servants are increasingly being used as party

Sherman Funk, the US state department's inspector general. found recently that his staff and records had been improperly used in an attempt "to influence the outcome of a presidential election". It seems to me that Kenneth Clarke should come clean and admit the same.

Yours sincerely. BARBARA ROCHE, House of Commons. December 8.

Bombing cover

From Mrs Jennifer Ashworth

Sir. Property insurance cover for the IRA bombings in Britain (report, December 5) could be provided in a similar manner as earthquake damage is in New Zealand. There, insurance companies levy a charge on all property insurance, which is passed to the carriquakes and war damages commission. This government department is responsible for settling claims due to earthquake damage.

Yours faithfully. JENNIFER ASHWORTH. Upper Siddington House, Cirencester, Gloucestershire.

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ing the strain of caring for hundreds of thousands of refugees from Serb "ethnic cleansing". These Bosnian refugees have fled to Croatia because they know, if others do not, that we are their friends and the Serbs their enemies

May I remind your readers that Croatian territory is regularly under anack from Serb forces, that a third of the country is under effective Serb control, that ethnic cleansing of those areas notionally under UN supervision continues and that, in spite of all this, Croatia is still subject to an arms embargo which leaves over-whelming military superiority in the hands of the Yugoslav national army, which is in effect the Serbian army.

Even-handedness between good and evil has distorted the West's response throughout this tragedy. Your own powerful analysis should not now be flawed by it.

Yours etc D. STAMBUK. Abbeville, 4 Abbeville Road, SW4. December 7.

From Professor D. Cameron Watt Sir, Your leading article failed to give

sufficient weight to the arguments against military intervention in Bos-Non-intervention requires active

and public pressure on Serbia's landward neighbours and a UN prohibition on all new arms sales to Serbia, backed by UN observers in Greece, Romania and Hungary. Intervention requires serious dis-

cussions of the funding, logistics, and how to cope with the transfer of populations that is already in progress. It requires definition of the positive ends towards which intervention is aimed. It requires some proposals as to how to cope with the possible, if not inevitable, fragmenta tion of the Bosnian Serbs into bands of irregulars living off the hillside villages as the Greek communists did from 1946 to 1949 or so. And it requires serious consideration of the time-scale on which intervention is planned, and of the command structure under which military occupation is to be conducted.

If these arguments are not tackled, both cases fall to the ground. Emotion and anger are bad counsellors and national pride is a worse one.

Yours faithfully, D. CAMERON WATT. The London School of Economics and Political Science, Department of International History. Houghton Street, WC2.

From Dr Hugh Saxton

Sir, Missiles can now be targeted with extreme precision. It would be possible for the UN to warn Serbia that

Mark of authority

Sir. As we near the end of the current UK presidency of the European Community, I wish to draw attention to the fact that there is still no Community institution located in Britain. After almost 21 years of membership, and considering that Britain is a major contributor to the Community budget, this is a deplor-

I understand that among the matters to be discussed at the forthcoming Edinburgh summit are the locations of three Community institutions, the central bank, the Environment Office and the Community Trade Mark Office. The last mentioned of these has been under consideration for at least 12 years. The office will operate a trade mark

hoped that one positive outcome from Edinburgh will be an agreement that this vital organisation should be based in London. Yours faithfully, CHRISTOPHER MORCOM,

1 Essex Court, Temple, EC4.

From Councillor Michael Storey

Sir, Under a first-past-the-post system,

our own general election in April was

settled by a small number of votes -

perhaps as few as 20,000 in around

25 of the UK's 651 constituencies.

Since then, we have wimessed the

spectacle of a government, with a

minority of the votes, exercising total

power incompetently whilst straying

Important decisions are negotiated

behind closed doors in Carlton Chib

rooms and many successful MPs have

left their "safe" constituencies far

behind them to pursue professional

In contrast, with the benefit of a

single transferable vote system, the people of the Irish Republic know that

each and every one of their votes has

counted fully. They have been able to

express their political preferences in

detail, often preferring candidates

from differing parties to reward or

punish local records of service or

Negotiations will now take place

between parties, rather than factions

of parties. Each party will have to

justify to supporters, issue by issue, its

compromises or failures to com-

promise. And each successful can-

didate will have noted the success of

those who had strong local records of

action and will be anxious to

strengthen ties with their own constit-

uency by service and dedication to its

people and community.

(Leader, Liberal Demograps),

Yours faithfully, MICHAEL STOREY

Liverpool City Council,

Dale Street, Liverpool 1.

Municipal Offices,

December 3.

political careers in Westminster.

freely from its manifesto intentions.

December 4.

Ireland's example

From the Chairman of the Electoral Reform Society

Sir. Calling the current Irish political scene in aid of the anti-proportional representation case requires even more myopia than usual (letters, December 2, 3). Have your correspondents conveniently forgotten the interminable recounts for the Peterborough constituency in 1964 and the long drawn-out haggling that went on before Mr Heath relinquished power in February 1974? Or of a Conservative government able to pass the poll tax through the artificially loaded House of Commons but not through the country?

The fact is that the Irish election system combines the best points of party proportionality with MP accountability. The party leaders are able to discuss coalition partners amongst their three large and two smaller parliamentary groups in the light of the voters' expressed preferences on their ballot papers.

No such consideration is possible in Britain, where the parties are internal coalitions spread over an unhealthily broad span of views. Here the voter is presented with a party list of one only, take it or leave it, with the tail wagging the dog - as the Conservative rebels demonstrated in the recent Maastricht debate vote.

Yours faithfully, MICHAEL MEADOWCROFT. Chairman, Electoral Reform Society, 6 Chancel Street, Blackfriars, SE1. December 3.

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against the gallery unless she withdraws support for From Sir Denis Mahon, FBA those attacking the Muslims of Bosnia, her bridges, military airfields, rail Sir, In welcoming the fully justified marshalling yards, arterial roads, ammunition dumps, barracks, ports protest of the chairman of the National Art-Collections Fund at the and oil refineries will be destroyed.

Finances biased

abrupt cessation of the grants ear-

marked for purchases at the national

museums (letter, December 2), I should like to refer especially to the

poisoned chalice. In the present case it

is in reality giving itself freedom to avoid a financial responsibility for

which it has always accepted commit-

ment in the past: that of providing the

trustees with a specified grant to be devoted to what has always been

recognised as their paramount duty,

that of promoting the development of

But the disappearance of this grant in a global figure, covering also running costs (including staffing) and

building maintenance, has the in-

tended effect of making it as difficult

as possible to have a view on the

adequacy of the financing of pur-

If the trustees of the National

Gallery, who must be presumed not to

have been consulted, are unable to

obtain a reversal of this provision, it is

to be hoped that they will keep the public fully informed as to the

gallery's financial situation and their

apportionment of funds so that

admirers of its achievements may take

National Gallery is responding so

well to increasing the public interest

and when private generosity to it has

reached unprecedented heights (one

thinks of the Sainsbury Wing and the

Getty Fund), the Treasury - as usual

lacking a sense of proportion -prevails over the Department of

National Heritage to put into effect its

small-minded scheme to the gallery's

advantage, worked out with mis-

placed ingenuity. Hardly the way to

Sir. Your leading article, "A fairer deal" (November 27), asks what there

would be left to vote about in council

elections if all local government ex-

penditure were centrally funded. I ne

answer is "service". Central gov-

ernment already provides over 80 per

cent of council income. Let it provide

100 per cent, and let councillors

compete to provide the most for this

money. I shall vote for the local

politician who will give the com-

generate support.

DENIS MAHON,

At our service

From Mr David Kiggell

33 Cadogan Square, SW1.

Yours faithfully,

December 3.

It is ironic that, at a time when the

up the cudgels on its behalf.

the collection.

National Gallery. The Treasury has long made a There is, of course, a risk of a practice of claiming that it is conferring "freedom" while proffering a "human shield" response but it would

be hard to apply this to every kilometre of road or rail or runway. Such measures would be costly, but not in human lives, and it is hard to believe that they would not be more effective than sanctions are proving. Yours faithfully.

Targets could be chosen for their

economic impact and, given adequate notice, all personnel could be evac-

HUGH SAXTON. 50 Norlands Crescent. Chislehurst, Kent. December 8.

From Mr Milan Krneta

Sir, Unlike Mr Drake (letter, December 8). I do not believe that the various republics of the former Yugoslavia are really so diverse in their histories, religions, cultures and languages. In any event, if, because of their differences, these people cannot live together, and if this justifies the breakup of Yugoslavia, then the same must be true of the republic of Bosnia-Herzegovina. If Muslims and Croats cannot live with Serbs, then the Serbs Bosnia and Croatia must be allowed to unite with the Serbs of Serbia and Montenegro.

Yours faithfully. MILAN KRNETA 157 Grange Road, Letchworth, Hertfordshire. December 8.

US in Somalia

From Ms Jan Morris

Sir, Mixed motives govern every great historical enterprise, but Simon Jenkins is wrong (article, December 5) in suggesting that Rudyard Kipling, in The White Man's Burden, was just warning the Americans against the "perils of empire". On the contrary, he was urging them to share in the sacrifice of what he considered a noble purpose - "to seek another's profit. And work another's gain".

if Mr Jenkins cannot accept Kipling's imperial ethos as a guide to the moral use of power, perhaps he would accept Burke's principle that a great nation should be sympathetic with the adversity or with the happiness of mankind, feeling that nothing in human affairs was foreign to it

decision on the location of the office.

From the outset, the government

has proposed London as a suitable site

for the Community Trade Mark

Office London has a unique pro-

fessional infrastructure providing an

unrivalled range of services to in-dustry, so the case for London as the

centre for the protection of trade

marks is overwhelming. It is to be

Yours faithfully, JAN MORRIŠ, Trefan Morys, Llanystumdwy, Gwynedd. December 5.

munity the best service. system covering the whole Community, something which is regarded as essential for industry in the single Yours inily, DAVID KIGGELL European market. The establishment Straight Ash. of such a system is still being delayed primarily by a failure to reach a

Ashampstead Common. Pangbourne, Berkshire.

UN for minorities From Sir John Thomson, Chairman.

Minority Rights Group

Sir, Your leader, "Rights of minorities" (December 4), is sub-titled: Group rights must not diminish individual human rights." This point is explicitly recognised in the new United Nations declaration, which was passed unanimously by a UN committee on December 4 and is due to go to the General Assembly on December 14. Minority rights are akin to human rights but are not the same thing.

Communities, majorities as well as minorities, have political importance. Among the merits of the declaration, and a reason why the Minority Rights Group has promoted it, is its acknowledgment that people can exercise rights through communities and that the state has an obligation in this respect. Realistic statesmanship recognises the need for communities to live together within the law rather than for each to seek its own salvation, usually at the expense of the rights of others. The universal acceptance of limited community rights facilitates this goal and deserves support.

Yours sincerely, JOHN THOMSON, Chairman, Minority Rights Group, 379 Brixton Road, SW9.

Where on earth?

From Mr Colin Hill

Sir, Mrs Fulford Brown, who objects to your publishing a map to show your readers the whereabouts of Manchester (letter, December 8), should recall that The Times is sold abroad. Not everyone in Spain, for instance, may know where Manchester is (although all my friends in Las Rozas do, because they follow football); and not so long ago, at a drinks party in Lancashire, I was asked by a lady (from the North) what the beach was like in Madrid.

Take heart from a bit of help, Madam. That map may be just a reflection on the way geography is taught in England.

Yours from very much further south, COLIN HILL Calle Concha Espina, Las Rozas, 28230, Madrid. December 9.



COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE December 9: The Duke of Edinburgh, Patron and Trustee. The Duke of Edinburgh's Award, attended a Dinner at the Hamilton Suite, Park Lane, London W1. Brigadier Miles Hunt-Davis was in attendance

December 9: The Prince Edward, Chairman of The Duke of Edin-burgh's Award Special Projects Group, this evening held a meeting of the Pegasus Project.

December 9: The Princess Royal, President, British Knitting and Clothing Export Council, this morning visited Alec Berman and Son, Ferry Lane Industrial Estate, Forest Road, Walthamstow, London E17, and was received by the Mayor of Walthamstow (Coun-cillor Mrs Denise Lieuberg).

Her Royal Highness, Patron, SENSE, the National Deaf-Blind and Rubella Association, after-wards visited the Association's shop at 585 Leabridge Road, Leyton, London E10, and Castleton House Residential Unit, 70 Castleton Road, London E17. and was received by the Chair-

person (Mrs Jessica Hills).
The Princess Royal, President,
British Knitting and Clothing
Export Council, subsequently visited Drake's, 15 Garrett Street, London EC1, and was received by the Mayor of Islington (Councillor Mrs Edna Griffiths

Her Royal Highness, Chan-cellor, University of London, this afternoon opened the Interdisciplinary Research Centre in Bio-medical Materials, Queen Mary medical Malerials, Queen Mary and Westled College, Mile End Road, London E1, and was re-ceived by the Deputy Vice Chan-cellor (Sir Peter Newsam). The Countess of Lichfield was in

The Princess Royal, President, Save the Children Fund, this evening attended the 1992 Festival of the Trees at the Banqueting House, Whitehall, London SW1, and was received by the Director General of the Fund (Mr Nicholas

Hinton). Miss Victoria Legge-Bourke was in attendance.

CLARENCE HOUSE December 9: Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother was present this evening at a Musical Evening given at St James's Palace in aid of the Royal United Kingdom Beneficent Association. Dame Frances Campbell-Pres-

ton and Sir Martin Gilliat were in KENSINGTON PALACE

December 9: The Prince of Wales today visited Holyhead and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Gwynedd (Mr Meuric Rees). His Royal Highness, President,

Business in the Community, this morning attended a Conference on Opportunities in Holyhead at the Ucheldre Centre, Old Convent

The Prince of Wales, Patron, Abbeyfield, Society, later visited the Abbeyfield/SSAFA House. His Royal Highness, Chairman, The Prince of Wales's Committee. this afternoon presented The Prince of Wales Awards at the

Holyhead Leisure Centre. Finally, The Prince of Wales,

Business Trust, presented the 250th Bursary Award at the Holyhead Leisure Centre.

Lieutenant Commander Robert Fraser, RN, was in attendance. His Royal Highness this evening attended a Reception to mark the 60th Anniversary of the BBC World Service at Guildhall, London EC2. Miss Belinda Har-

ley was in attendance.

The Princess of Wales today visited Newcastle and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Tyne and Wear (Colonel Sir Ralph Carr-Ellison).
Her Royal Highness, Patron,

Turning Point, this morning vis-ited the Whitley Bay Substance Misuse Project at Marine Avenue. The Princess of Wales subsequently visited Woodlawn School, West Monkseaton, Her Royal Highness later visited

Interconnection Systems Limited, Eldon Street, South Shields. KENSINGTON PALACE December 9: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, was present this evening at a Soirée d'Or held, in aid of the Royal

College of Music, in the Britten Theatre at the College. The Countess Alexander of Tunis was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE December 9: The Duke of Gloucester this morning presented the 1992 Annual Awards for ing Achievement for the Royal Town Planning Institute at Glaziers Hall, London SEI, Major Nicholas Barne was in attendance.

The Duchess of Gloucester was present this evening at a Dinner given by the Anglo-Finnish Society and the Finnish-British Trade Guild to mark the 75th Anniversary of Finland's Independence. Miss Suzanne Marland was in

YORK HOUSE December 9: The Duchess of Kent, President, today attended the Congregation of Awards Ceremony at the Royal Northern College of Music, Manchester, and was met on arrival by Her Maiestv's Lord-Lieutenant for Greater Manchester (Colonel John

Her Royal Highness this evening attended a performance of Condrillon at the College.

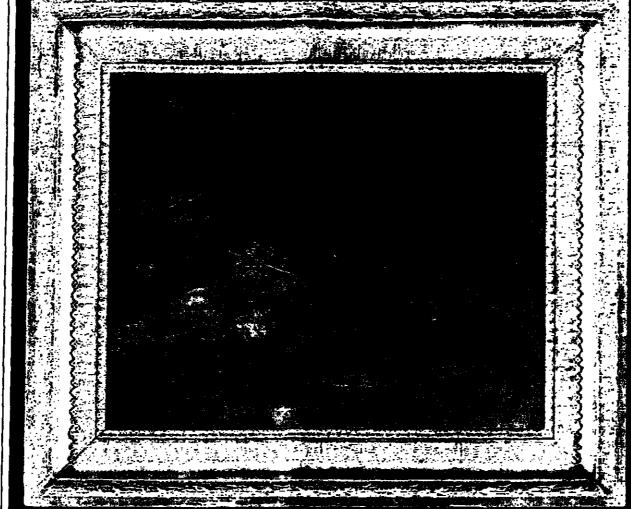
Mrs David Napier was in

The Duke of Kent, President, the Business and Technology Edu-cation Council, this evening attended a Dinner at the Dorchester Hotel, London W1, in honour of the Chairman, Mr T.G.P. Rogers. Commander Roger Walker. RN, was in attendance. THATCHED HOUSE LODGE

December 9: Princess Alexandra

today visited Lancashire and was received by Captain Michael Fitzherbert-Brockholes (Vice Lord-Lieutenant of Lancashirej. Her Royal Highness opened Waddell Hall, the new hall of residence at St Martin's College, an associated college of Lancaster University. Subsequently Princess Alexandra, Chancellor, presided at

ceremonies for the conferment of Higher and Honorary Degrees and Postgraduate Diplomas at Lancaster University. The Lady Mary Mumford was President, The Prince's Youth in attendance.



Prize bullfight: a dramatic bullfighting scene by Goya sold for £4.9 million at Sotheby's yesterday, outstripping the previous record for the artist by £4.6 million (Sarah Jane Checkland writes). The buyer was the Getty Museum in California. George Goldner, the museum's keeper of paintings, said: "It is a poetic picture. If you have ever been to a bullfight you will know how it

captures the tragic character of the

"Bullfight, Suerte de Varas" was painted in Paris for Joacquin Maria Ferrer, a friend, in 1824. The work has remained in the family since. So theby's said the huge increase in the Goya record was because a painting of this quality very rarely became available. Mr Goldner said the acquisition

came after the purchase of paintings by Jan Brueghel and Fra Angelico. The Goya could take his yearly total beyond £10 million - the Getty Museum is

probably the world's richest. There had been fears that the painting was too gory to fetch the £4 million to £6 million Sotheby's had expected, with dead and wounded horses plainly in view.

BIRTHS: John Bradshaw, president of the judges at the trial of King Charles I, Stockport, 1602; George Shaw, naturalist, Bierton, Buckinghamshire, 1751; Cesar Franck, composer, Liège, 1822; Emily Dickinson, poet, Amherst, Massachusetts, 1830; Adolf Loos, architect, Brno, Austria, 1870; Harold Alexander, 1st Earl Alexander of Tunis, field marshal, Governor-General of Canada 1946-52, London, 1891.

Anniversaries

Florence, 1475; Edmund Gunter, mathematician, London, 1626; Rowland Hill, 1st Viscount Hill, general, 1842; Alfred Nobel, industrialst and founder of the prizes of that name, San Remo. 1896; Sir Joseph Hooker, Director of the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew. 1865-85, Sunningdale, Berkshire, 1911; Charles Rennie Mackintosh, architect, London, 1928; Luigi Pirandello, dramatist and novelist. Nobel Laureate 1934. Rome, 1936; Damon Runyon, short story writer, 1946; Henry Cowell, composer, Shady, New York, 1965; Otis Redding, violinist, Los Angeles, 1987.

matic tyres, London, 1845.

Dinners

idation for Science and Technology

Lord Butterworth, Chairman of the Foundation for Science and Technology, presided at a lecture and dinner discussion held last night at the Royal Society. Professor Tom Bkundell, Dr Ashok Ganguly and Sir John Kingman also spoke.

Service luncheon Forth Division RNR

The Supply and Secretariar Officers of Forth Division RNR held a luncheon yesterday on HMS Claverhouse to mark the retirement from the Navy of Lieutenant Commander D.M. Murray.

Reception BBC World Service

The Prince of Wales attended a reception held last night at Guildhall to mark the sixtieth anniversary of the BBC World Service. He was received by Mr Marmaduke Hussey, Chairman of the Board of Governors, BBC, Sir Michael Checkland, director general, and Mr John Tusa, ma ing director, BBC World Service The Lord Mayor, accompanied by the Sheriffs, members of the Diplomatic Corps and members of both Houses of Parliament were

Church news

The Rev Frank Bail, Chaplain of Shrewshury Hospital. Sheffleid (Sheffleid): to retire as from December

Mott-Radclyffe

Mr Gerard Elias, QC, has been elected Leader of the Wales and Chester Circuit. Mr John Griffith

Today's royal engagements

The Queen, accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh, will lunch with Courts and Company at 440 Strand at 12.15; and will open the new Charing Cross police station

The Duke of Edinburgh, as pa-tron, will attend a reception at St James's Palace at 6.00 in support James's Palace at 6.00 in support of the Cambridge Foundation. The Prince of Wates, as President of Business in the Community, will attend presentations by business leaders who have taken part in "Seeing is Believing" visits at a reception at St. James's Palace at 11.15; and will open the Thames Water Millharbour Laboratory. Dockdands, at 2.30 Docklands, at 2 30,

The Princess of Wales, as Patron of Headway National Head Injuries Association, will attend a luncheon given by the American Chamber of Commerce (UK) at the London Hilton on Park Lane at 12.30. The Princess Royal will open the new school of radiography at Charterhouse College, Charterhouse Square, at 2.00; and, as President of the Missions to Seamen, will attend a carol concert at Merchant Taylors' Hall at 7.20. Princess Margaret will attend the eve-of-council celebrations for the meeting of European heads of government at the Usiter Hall. Edinburgh, at 7.25.
The Duke of Kent, as Vice-

Chairman of the British Overseas Trade Board, will visit British Aerospace, Warron, at 10.45; Pres-ton and Karrimor International in Accrington at 2.25; and later, as Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England, will attend a reception and dinner at the Preston Masonic Hall at 6.00.

Birthdays today

Mr John Birt, deputy director-general, BBC, 48: Viscount Boyne. 61; Mr Kenneth Branagh, actor and director, 32: Professor B.W. Cunliffe, president, Society of Anti-quaries of London, 53; Miss Rumer Godden, writer, 85; Mr Cecil Hallett, trades unionist, 93; Lord Harris of High Cross. 68; Mr Nicholas Henderson, racehorse trainer, 43; Sir Clifford Jacrett, civil servant, 83; Mr Michael civil servant. 83: Mr Michael Jopling, MP. 62: Miss J.M. Ken-worthy, principal. St Mary's Coll-ege, Durham. 59: Mr Jahangir Khan, squash player. 29: Mr James McAdam, chairman, Ramers Group, 62: Mr Raphael Maklouf, sculptor, 55: Mr Michael Manley, lumairan politician. ael Manley, Jamaican politician, 68: Sir Jeremy Morse, chairman, Lloyds Bank, 64: Sir John Peel, former Surgeon-Gynaecologist to The Queen, 88; Miss Shirley Ritchie, QC. 52; Mr T.S. Roberts. former chairman, Milford Haven Conservancy Board, 81; Mr Angus Stirling, director-general, National Trust, 59; Mr C.W. Turner, rector, Glasgow Academy, 59; Mr M.T. Wright, former director, National Heritage Memorial

Royal Town . **Planning Institute**

the Royal Town Planning In-stitute's annual Planning Achieve-ment Awards at Glaziers' Hall, London Bridge, yesterday. The Silver Jubilee Cup for Planning Achievement was awarded to Broadgate, London. The guests included representatives of local and national government, in-dustry and professional

Forthcoming

The engagement is announced between Philip John, youngest son of Major and Mrs P. Bleisoe-Brown, of Sywell House, Sywell, Nonhamptonshire, and Catriona Evelyn, younger daughter of Colonel and Mrs A.R. Robertson, of Ascot Farm, Ascot, Berkshire. Mr S.J.O. Chatterbuck

and Miss J. Stancey The engagement is announced between Simon, son of the late Mr Stancey, of Staines, Middlesex. Mr S.M. Erridge

The engagement is announced between Simon, younger son of Mr and Mrs Francis Erridge, of Goldhanger, Essex, and Juliet, daughter of Sir Jonathan Benn. Bt. and Lady Benn, of Ightham.

The engagement is announced between Manhew, son of the late Major Lance Kaye and of Mrs Veronica Kaye of Frome. Somesset and Nicola younger daughter of Mr and Mrs Dennis Hulbert, of Verbier, Switzerland.

and Miss C.M. Hamilton The engagement is announced between Michael son of the late Mr and Mrs Brian Lee, of Newson Abbot Devon and Caroline. daughter of Mr and Mrs Duncan Hamilton, of Marston Magna,

M O.M. Par and Miss HLL Peel Yates

Aberford, Yorkshire Dr D.W. Rathbone and Miss Y. Ereté The engagement is announced between Dominic William, eldest

son of the Very Rev N.S. and Mrs Rathbone. of Newton-St-Margarets. Herefordshire, and Yvene, elder daughter of Mrs R.J.P. Jennings, of South Kensington, London,

School news

Dr Robert Acheson has been appointed Headmaster of Clifton College Preparatory School with in effect from September 1, 1993.

to be a Justice of the High Court in the Queen's Bench Division.

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PERSONAL COLUMN

Let the Lord, the God of the spirits of all manished, appoint a man over the community to go out and come in at their head, to lead them out and bring them home so that the community of the Lord may not be like sheep without a shephend, Numbers 27: 16.17

BURTHS

BASARAN - On November 1992, to Han Shure. a son, Altay

BESANT - On December 4th, to Philippa (née Cumming) and Nicholas, a son, Hector ian Bryden, a brother for Freddle and George.

BIRTLES - On December 7th, to Sara and Rupert, a daughter, Cillian Alice, a sister to Nicholas and Timothy.

BRAZIER - On December 3rd, to Kalharine (née Blagden) and Julian, a son, a brother for William and Alexander. CAVENAGH - On Nov

COUTINHO - On December 3rd 1992, to Desmond and Francesca (née Wright), a daughter, Sharon Marie,

FROST - On December 8th, at The Portland Hospital, to Jame (née Waish) and Martin, a daughler, Lucy, a sister for GRAINGER - On December 7th. to Rachel (nee Manners)

and Stephen, a daughter Jessica Rose.

GRAY - On 7th December, to Alison the Bally and Peter Gray, a beautiful daughter, Georgina Elizabeth Addle, sister for Nicholas, Charles and Hamish

HUGHES-CNSLOW -December 6th, to Laura (née Newton) and Anthony, a son.

McVEIGH - On December 4th, at The Portland Hospital. to Joann and Christopher. a beautiful daughter. Colleen Anne. RESSENGER-JONES - On December 1st, to Lesley (nér Messenger) and lan, a beautiful daughter, Francesca Jae, a family first.

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OWEN - On December 8th, in Hong Kong, to Adrienne (née D'Arcy) and Mark, a daughter, Geneviève, a sister

PEAPLE - On December 8th. to Shirley (see Andrews) and lan, a daughter, Sophie, a sister for Luke. PEARSON GREGORY - On November 29th, to Anna (née Bruseth) and Hogh, a daughter, Tallana Kristina.

ROBERTSON - On November 29th at The Portland Hospital. to Penelope and Martyn. a son. Alexander William Henry. ROONEY - On 28th October at University College Hospital, London, to Phillipa (née Chicken) and Giles, a son,

5HORT - On December 7th, to Jane (née Lunn) and Gregor, a son, Fraser MacGregor, a brother for Alexander. TREVOR - On December 7th, at St Thomas' Hospital, to Jertny (née Coates) and Nicholas, a son, Frederick

ZACHARIA - On December 7th at The Portland Hospital, to Belinda (née Hürman-Eady) and Malhorz, a beautiful daughter. Sophie Jentima, a sister for Emma.

MARRIAGES

MCKIMNEY:AHORNER - The Mickingery-Aldorner - The marriage took place on Saturday Sith December at triding. Austria, between Mr Roland McKinney, the only son of the late Mr Roland McKinney and Mrs Roland McKinney and Miss Daniela Ahorner, the only daughter of Mr and Mrs Kurt Ahorner.

DEATHS

ADAMS - Enki Mary, aged 77 years, suddenly on December 8th 1992, beloved wife of Leslie, mother of David, Rentia, Andrew and Date and dearest Eadre and dearest grandmother of Andrew, Joy and Rosie. Service at St George's Church. Bertrillonses, Wecharchar December 16th 1992 at 11.30 am and at Easthourse Cremahorium at 12.30 pm. Family flowers only. Donations to St Michael's Hospice c/o Munimery Fimeral Directors. Deventahire Rosid, Bexhill.

ALLAN - James Peter, lats of Peterborough, tiled peace-fully after a short illness at Stration Hospital, Bude, Cornwall, on December 6th, 1992. Cremation al Barnstable. North Devon. Donations if desired to Cancer Research.

ARIES - On December 9th.
Deacefully and suddenly, at home, Maurice Romaid.
much loved husband of Michael and Vivianue. Grandpe of Stephen. Carotine. Ruth.
Emily, James and Harry.
Cremation at Breakspear.
Crematorium. East Chapel.
Ruistip, Middlesex. on Tuesday December 15th at 12.30 pm. Fandly Bowers only please. Dovations. It desired. to The British Heart Foundation c/o Camberley & District Funeral Directors.
(0276) 33241. CUDANORIE - On 8th December 1992, Vral. Widow of the late Derek.

DEATHS

REFRING - On Decemb GREERING - On December 6th 1992, suddenly at home. Peter Greening M.B.E. aged 62. Cherished husband of Sarah and beloved father of Margaret. Christopher. Sarah and beloved father of Margaret. Christopher. David. Katherine and Richard. Devoted to the family and many friends, he will be sorely missed by all. Memortal Service at St Mary's Church, Sturminster Newton. on Friday. December 18th at 2.30 pm. Flowers, or donations if desired, for The Coronary Prevention Group may be sent c/o G.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Directors.

HODGSON - On December 3rd in London, Simon, beloved husband of Priscilla. The funeral book place privately at Sutton Courtency on December 9th.

RUTHERFOORS - On December 8th, Peggy (née Webster), adored wife of Edmund and mother of Charles, peacefully at home. Funeral Tuesday, December 15th at 12 noon St Peter's Church, Black Llon Lane, Hannersmith, Cut flowers to the Church. KILSHAW RIGG - On Friday
Novamber 27th, peacefully,
Elleen, in her 90th year.
Much loved and sadily missed
by her son, daughter and
eight grandchildren, but now
at rest with her husband and
eider daughter. A Memorial
Service will be held at the
Pärish Church of St James,
Winscombe, Avon, on Friday
December 18th at 2.30 pm. SATCHELL - On December 7th, at home, Evelyn Adelaide. Funeral at Kingsdown Cressatorium, Swindon, on Wednesday December 16th at 3 mm. Family flowers only. Donations to Dorothy House,

MRIGHT - Dennis, beloved husband of Joyce and father of Sandra, Nicholas, Stephanie, Sarah and forthing grandfather, died suddenly on December 7th 1992 at home. Funeral Service on Friday December 11th at All Saint's Church, Hitcham at 12 poon, Flowers may be sent to the church or to W.A. Deacon, High Street, Lavenham, Suffolk.

MILLES - On December 7th peacefully in Trainton. Unsufa Katharine, aged 82, beloved widow of Herbert and a greatly loved mother, grandmother and greatly grandmother and greatly grandmother Funeral St. Peter's Church. Droitwich Spa. Worcs, on Monday December 14th at 12 noon. Pigwera and enquiries Cearge Crump & Son Funeral Directors. (0908) 778339.

DEATHS: Paolo Uccello, painter,

Lake Monoma, near Madison, Wisconsin, 1967; Jascha Heifetz

Robert Thompson patented pneu-Cuba became an independent

PLENICAR - Dusan. Beloved husband of Elizabeth, father of Mariana and grandad of Rosie, who died soddenly on December 4th 1992, aged 71 years. Lifelong campaigner for denoctracy in former Yugostavia and recently for independence

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Law Society Mr Mark Sheldon, President of the Law Society, the vice-president and council were the hosts at a dinner held last night at the society's hall.

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Sir Charles

A Service of Thanksgiving for the iife of Sir Charles Mon-Radclyffe will be held in Norwich Cathedral on Thursday, January 7, 1993, at

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Marshal of The Royal Air Force Sir John and Lady Grandy are very grateful to all friends for their kind greetings and messages. They regret that they are unable to send any Christmas cards this

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William Shawn, Editor of The New Yorker from 1952 to 1987, and a resolute guardian of its position as one of the most influential features on the American literary landscape. died of a heart attack in his New York apartment on December 8, aged 85. He was born in Chicago on August 31, 1907.

WHEN William Shawn was ousted from the editorial chair of The New Yorker in 1952, following a change of ownership, the shock waves extended far beyond the immediate impact on its staff and the hypersensitive world of New York publishing. Shawn, a shy and gentle man who ruled his paper as a virtual dictator, was so loved by his staff that more than 150 of them signed a letter to the new editor, Robert A. Gottlieb, asking him not to take the job. At the time Shawn took over as the

magazine's managing editor in 1939 The New Yorker was already known as the forum for the wit of the literary figures who formed the Algonquin's "Round Table": men and women like Dorothy Parker, Robert Benchley and Alexander Woolcott. Parker's famous riposte on being told that the laconic President Coolidge had been found dead: "How could they tell?", was quintessential New Yorker — wit flashing like a toledo blade, but the wit taking precedence over the weight of the subject matter.

When he succeeded to the editorial chair in 1987 Shawn had something slightly different in mind. True, the change in emphasis with which Shawn is associated, a deeper seriousness, a more profound engagement with issues social and literary. had begun to be apparent a year or two before he took over, but Shawn's was often the impetus behind them. John Hersey's Hiroshima, the searing account of the world's first nuclear attack, had appeared in the pages of The New Yorker in 1949; but it had been Shawn who persuaded the founder and first editor. Harold Ross, to devote a whole issue of his magazine to it. Not only did the book, with its mixture of on-the-spot reportage and a powerful, wellinformed narrative, set a pattern for such works which has hardly changed since, but in its graphic detail, it alerted the world to the truly horrifying consequences of the release of nuclear weapons against an urban population.





Again, the publication of The Catcher in the Rye (1951), a novel which was to become totemic to a succession of adolescent generations, strictly predates Shawn's stewardship; but it was he who had befriended and encouraged its reticent, even reclusive author, J. D. Salinger, as he did men like John Updike and Truman Capote, writers whose names were to be associated inextricably with The New Yorker of the 1950s and beyond. Under Shawn the idea of a "New Yorker School" of writers was more tangibly associated with a specific critique of the American ethic than it had previously been. Wit alone (though wit, of course, abounded) was not enough. Under Shawn the employee directory of The New Yorker might have provided, year after year, a running nomination for the Pulitzer prizes in journalism, fiction and

Aside from his murturing of literary talent, the reportage which had been so radically transformed by Hiroshima also continued to be strongly

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Perfection in the editing of copy was a sine qua non for Shawn. And yet his writers admired him for his capacity to leave a strong piece alone, to let them spot for themselves the weak passages, and to allow them to do the necessary repair work themselves. He was certainly never concerned with pandering to his readers. Once, when discussing some abstruse arguments in a piece of writing from the political philosopher Dr Hannah Arendt, whom he had sent to cover the Adolf Eichmann trial in Jerusalem, Shawn rejected her suggestion that it might be above the heads of their audience. He told her he did not care if it was: the writing

The literary and reporting styles that Shawn encouraged in The New Yorker came to exercise a profound influence on writers throughout America: one noteworthy example being his first publication of Truman Capote's In Cold Blood in 1965, which encouraged the trend to blend fact with fiction, producing what was at that time at least much heralded as an exciting new genre: "faction". The decision to print In Cold Blood whatever the merits or otherwise of Capote's initiative, seen in retrospect was typical of Shawn, who for all his modest courtesy was a man of bold ideas. Where Capote had led plenty followed and In Cold Blood

would be good for them.

spawned numerous progeny In 1979, in an introduction to a book by one of his correspondents, Shawn wrote his own analysis of the reporter's craft: "New information resides nowhere until it has been identified, objectified, assembled and communicated by one or another kind of reporter, and every reporter sets out on every quest more or less in the dark."

The son of a prosperous cutlery merchant of central European origin, William Shawn changed his surname from "Chon" early in his career. He dropped out of the University of Michigan after two years to travel to New Mexico, where he became a \$30-a-week reporter on a local newspaper. He then returned to Chicago to work for a news agency but found it hard to settle down in iournalism.

Newly married, he went to Paris and tried his hand at composing music for the ballet while supporting himself as a piano player. When that to New York

He had long been an avid reader of The New Yorker and began freelancing for the magazine's Talk of the Town section, paid \$2 an inch for his copy, a rate which kept him barely above the starvation level. At length the management allowed him to come into the office to work and his break came when the magazine's managing editor. St Clair McKelway, left to join the armed forces at the start of the second world

war. Shawn was suggested as a replacement, and although, as James Thurber recounted in his memoirs, the editor was less than enthusiastic. Shawn was given the job, and made sure that he hung on to it by working 18 hours a day, seven days a week. Indeed, he became so indispensable to the magazine that when Ross's health began to fail in 1951 he made it clear that he wanted Shawn, though he was not his deputy at the

time, to succeed him. In a business notorious for shortlived tenures in the editorial chair, Shawn's 35-year term as the The New Yorker's mild despot was remarkable. It also, of course, owed much to the loyal support he received from the magazine's owners, Raoul Fleischmann and his son Peter. When they sold The New Yorker in 1985 for \$142 million it was plain that Shawn's days were numbered.

The new owners, Advance Publica-tions, were a subsidiary of the vast publishing empire of the Newhouse family. They had promised not to tamper with The New Yorker's special identity. In January 1987, however, S. I. Newhouse Jr announced that Shawn was retiring. In fact, he had been forced out. For all his brilliance as an editor he had - designedly paid inadequate attention to the business side of the magazine. Circulation had fallen somewhat from its peak of 510,000 in 1983 and advertising revenue had dropped off

considerably. Shawn, the sober perfectionist who disliked crowds, fast driving, air conditioning and self-service elevators, had failed to meet the modern tyranny of the financial bottom line. With his departure an era, not only at The New Yorker but for American literary taste at large, had ended.

He is survived by his wife, Cecile, to whom he had been married for 64 years, and by two sons and one

APPRECIATIONS

Fred Roche

YOUR sympathetic obituary (November 25) omitted reference to one of Fred's early and important achievements as an architect/planner.

You say, correctly, that Fred arrived in Coventry in 1958 as City Deputy Schools Architect and led the team responsible for the redevelopment of a major section of the central area of Coventry. During the same year, I had been given a brief by the City Fathers to plan, and later supervise and lead as principal, a new higher education college which was being built on a central site opposite to Basil Spence's rising new cathedral.

The city's earlier plans had proved to be unequal to the rapidly developing higher education sector and to the needs of industry and commerce. The plans for the new college required radical

Fred became the job archi-tect for this project. He planned the valuable central site, designed individual buildings and, not least, insisted on creating a total environ-ment by selecting, and where necessary designing, modern furniture of a style and quality not then in everyday use by local authorities.

In those days, pre-Robbins report and long before the creation of the 1970s polytechnics, further education building programmes were subject



to severe and rigid cost limits by the then Ministry of Education. Great credit is due to Fred Roche and the team led by him for imaginative and brilliant work carried out with considerable speed for an impatient client who provided exacting briefs.

The buildings then erected under his supervision became the centrepiece of Lanchester Polytechnic in the later 1960s and now of Coventry University.

Those of us privileged to work with him - and sometimes argue with and criticise him - were never in any doubt about his outstanding ability, creativity and leader-ship qualities. We knew that he would go far in his profession.

Sir Alan Richmond

Ben Brown

YOUR admirable obituary on Ben Brown, Oriel Oxford don and Olympic games goalkeep-er (November 21), omitted two crucial facts which gave him a unique place in sporting and social history as one of the last of the real Corinthians, in life and in spirit.
When Sir Stanley Rous

persuaded Surrey County Cricket Club to re-open Kennington Oval for soccer at its Vauxhall stand end, to rekindle its early Victorian FA Cup Final traditions and also provide a home for Corinthian-Casuals, the opening fixture as reported in The Times sports columns for Thursday October 5, 1950, was between a mixed professional-amateur FA XI and a team named and representing the historical Corinthian Football Club for the only occasion since the two

clubs amalgamated in 1939. Its listed and playing goalkeeper was B. R. Brown (Pegasus); and his saves were as memorable then as the occasion, enshrined in your obituary photograph, and worthy to be placed alongside Banks's save off Pele in any gallery of all-time great sporting moments.

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before a 100,000 crowd at Wembley, he gave the medal away to Penelope, now Lady Thompson, widow of the club's founder, then Dr (later Professor Sir Harold) Thompson. Lady Thompson's inspired awareness of the marriage between Oxford University Centaurs and Cambridge University Falcons created its title.

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Among Ben Brown's chemistry pupils and sporting admirers, his memory will endure long after those who misunderstand the true nature of British sport and its Corinthian ideals have disappeared with their distortion of it.

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JOHN CLAPMAN

directed by Shawn. In his encourage-

ment of non-fiction writing on con-troversial issues, he began to influence public opinion and to expose the darker side of America.

Although the look of the magazine

may have seemed to tread a well-

worn furrow, its contents moved

sharply towards the socially-engaged

style of journalism which has since

become so familiar. Shawn pub-

lished James Baldwin's powerful

exposure of black grievances at a time

when they made uncomfortable

reading — especially in the salons of the well-heeled. Rachel Carson's

pleas for the environment also broke

new ground in an era before such

things were commonplace. Poverty,

the Vietnam War and nuclear disar-

mament all had the relentless glare of

The New Yorker's scrutiny turned on

them. This brought about complaints

about the volume of acerbic and

dispiriting reportage in the magazine

from those of its readers who had for

long been used to fare which taxed

the intellect rather than the moral

conscience. Under Shawn The New

John Clapman musicologist and Dvorák scholar, died on November 9 aged 84. He

DVORAK'S first important native biographer was Otakar Sourek. Outside Czechoslovakia that mantle fell upon John Clapman. It is fitting that it should have been an English scholar, since it was through Dvořák's nine visits to Eng-

land between 1884 and 1896 that he found himself fully as a composer and finally achieved international recognition, in-cluding his introduction to America through his London

publishers, Novello. John Clapman's interests in the music of Dvotak started in 1946 when he joined the University College of Wales Ensemble as its cellist and began to explore the string quartets and piano trios. This followed years of study from

1927 at the Royal Academy of Music and then as an external student at London University. Clapman joined the BBC in 1939 as a sound engineer but through his conscientious objection he was forced to leave. After a period in the Fire Service, in 1943 he became a teacher at Wycliffe College Bristol, which had been evacuated to Lampeter. From this period his connections with Wales began which resulted also in him being appointed a

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lecturer in the music department at Aberystwyth along with his cello position in the Ensemble.

Dvoták became his main interest, soon widening into Czech music generally with special attention paid also to Smetana, Janacek and Martinu. Valuable studies of Dvořák's chamber music and symphonies soon emerged. His thoroughness as a researcher and scholar became evident from the depth of his

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parallel research into topics impinging on his main study, such as his exploration of American birdsong or American Indian music in connecwrote during his American stay in the 1890s.

By the early 1950s Clapman had made contact 1950s with Sourek in Prague and began his life-long friendship with Jarmil Burghauser, Dvorak's "Kochel", to whose second edition he made a major

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accept a new and more rigid definition. As the Pope's side say it is not wanted,

being already the doctrine of the Catholic Church, and freshly illustrated

in a signal manner by the acceptance of

the new dogma published fifteen years

ago, there is certainly a way of retreat.

On the other hand, if seven hundred

Bishops are collected from all parts of

the earth merely to agree to some new

rules about fasting, dress, and other points of mere discipline, they may feel

themselves trifled with. I have fashioned

the question thus wise- The Italian

mind must be quite subtle enough to devise fifty different modes of defining

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Old Edwardians and former parents whose current addresse are no longer held by the School are invited to contact the Busor for details of the Founder's Day calebrations on the July 1993 when a presentation will be made to the retiring Headmoster, Or John Wroughton.

December 10 1869 ROME, DEC. 4. Again and again I hear people say that the Papal infallibility will have to be waived, so great will be the reluctance to

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ON THIS DAY

The Vatican Council opened on December 8 by Pius IX saw many delegates arguing against the church accepting the dogma of papal infallibility. However, on July 18, 1870 the dogma was promulgated.

and ascertain how high they rise. It will be somewhere between temperate and summer heat. The Archbishop of Paris is chief only in name. He is a cipher in the controversy, and his compliance will be rewarded with a Hat — the last infirmity of saintly minds.

However, I must not be an accuser of my brethren. Here am I plotting and contriving how to get a place in St. Peter's next Wednesday. A kind suggestion has been made, and that in a most orthodox quarter, that I should ascend

to one of the galleries in the dome, and be "a sweet little cherub aloft" for the occasion; but neither should I like it. nor, I am sure, would the Pope's own advisers leave so commanding a pos-ition open to unknown people. I adhere to my first plan, which is to enter the church at early dawn, like Don Antonio in the opera, between two ladies in black, and see who will resist me. The Pope's legion of 5,000 regulars and seculars will hardly have mustered; but the invasion from the English quarter will be enormous. The sight through the spacious doors of the Council Hall will be obstructed by an altar, &c., placed just inside. Thus, not only Protestants, but all the laity who have not the right of admission, as ex-Kings, ex-Queens, titular Archdukes, or banished Princes will have to be content with the procession and the singing, in which, it is said, 6,000 voices will join. The Italian preachers here are denouncing the idle curiosity of the English, come here, they say, only to laugh at the

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THE TIMES TODAY

THURSDAY DECEMBER 10 1992

A trenchant documentary goes in search of Britain's low paid and

finds many examples of people in full-time work who earn barely

enough to live on. Critical Eye

(Channel 4, 9pm) Page 43

Yesterday's announcement should not however, be a matter for public misery. The separation is in many

ways a relief. The truth did not

break on "a stunned and sorrowing

people", the words which we used

to describe the news of King

Edward VIII's abdication, There is

little place to be stunned, in a coup-

try where one marriage in three

The struggle, which has more than

a whiff of old Kremlin politics about it, is over who governs Rus-

sia, and for whose benefit Page 19

With the flow of redundancy an-

nouncements now drying up ahead

of Christmas, the doomsters are

having to turn to another foentain

of economic poison Page 19

The Somali "enemy" had long

since vanished and in military

terms the dramatic landing was

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If there really is alien life out there

in outer space, the aliens can have

no doubt about the existence of

planet Earth. They can hear us

coming from a million miles away.

and it is not a pretty noise Page 18

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BEN MACINTYRE

PHILIP HOWARD

was a disaster.

Too bad to be true

Gaidar agonistes

A separation

ends in divorce...

NEWS

Royals separate

The Prince and Princess of Wales are to separate after 11 years of marriage, it was announced yesterday, completing the Queen's annus horribilis and casting a shadow over the Princess Royal's impending wedding.

The announcement, whose only major surprise was in its timing, was made simultaneously by Buckingham Palace and by John Major in the Commons. Neither party intends to

Invitation accepted

■ Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother will attend the wedding of her granddaughter the Princess Royal to Commander Timothy Laurence in Scotland on Saturday, Clarence House confirmed last night. Her hesitation at making the journey in winter led to media speculationPage 1

Mogadishu secured

Heavily armed American troops secured all key positions in the Somali capital, Mogadishu, yesterday, as the gangs of gunmen melted away and crowds gathered to welcome the Marines. The 18,000 marines and tons of equipment were ferried in at dawn from an offshore task force by a fleet of helicopters and amphibious vessels. It was their first amphibious landing since the Grenada invasion ... Pages 1, 15

Closures shelved

John Major is to be told by senior cabinet colleagues that most of the pit closures announced in October will have to be shelved at the end of Michael Heseltine's review early next ... Page 6

Gaidar rejected

Russia's Congress of People's Deputies yesterday dealt a blow to President Yeltsin's authority, and the country's economic reforms, by rejecting Yegor Gaidar, his candidate for prime Page 13

Decision confirmed

The Court of Appeal yesterday confirmed that doctors should be allowed to switch off the feeding machine of Tony Bland, the Hillsborough disaster victim, in line with the High Court ruling .. Page 8

New proposals

Britain yesterday tabled fresh proposals designed to secure agreement at the Edinburgh

summit on plans that will encourage the Danish people to accept the Maastricht treaty in a second referendum...... Page 11

French doubts

As President Mitterrand prepares for the Edinburgh summit doubts are being voiced across France over the fate of his vision of a grand quasi-federation of .Page 12

Thatcher support

Baroness Thatcher urged John Major yesterday to stand firm against China's threats over Hong Kong when she supported proposals from the governor to introduce more democracy before the 1997 hand-overPage 10

Tourist raped

A British tourist has been raped on a beach south of Durban in South Africa. The woman, 44, was sitting on some rocks when she was dragged into bushes by men armed with a knife and a screwdriver. ... Page 6

Nazis blamed

A mosque and a Sikh temple came under attack for the first time as violence in Britain's Asian community escalated and the death toll in India rose to more than 600 Pages 7. 13

Slipping the net

The blockade of Lochinver harbour by fishermen and the entertainment planned by trawlermen for EC heads of government in Edinburgh are symptoms of the strains pushing EC fisheries policy to collapsePage 8

Too close for comfort

A millionaire who bought the house next to his estranged wife in the hope of a reconciliation has been ordered by a court to leave each day at sunset. Bill Garwood is allowed to visit during daylight hours only to mow the lawn, wash the windows and pick up his mail. Hereford County Court says he must spend the night elsewhere. ... Page 6



At bay: a US Marine keeping back Somali youths while a hovercraft unloaded at Mogadishu airport yesterday. Pages 1, 15

ERM ploy: John Major suggested that the European exchange-rate mechanism should be related to the yen and the dollar as part of a reconstruction that would allow Britain to rejoin Page 23 Lonrho: A German businessman is

supporting half a £170 million cash call by the trading conglomerate and buying half Tiny Rowland's 15 per cent shareholding for £50 ... Page 23

Markets: Sterling fell sharply yesterday with the pound's trade weighted index losing 1.1 points to close at 80.4. This reflected a fall from \$1.5960 to \$1.5665 and from DM2.4942 to DM2:4641. Stockmarkets slipped and the FT-SE 100 Index fell 19.1 points to close at 2,750.7.....Page 26

Athletics: Women will be allowed

to compete against men on the track for the first time next year after the British Athletic Federation decided to sanction races between men and women of a similar standard. .Page 44

Tennis: Andre Agassi, a key figure in the United States' Davis Cup win at the weekend, succumbed to Michael Chang in straight sets in the first round of the Grand Slam Cup in MunichPage 42

Cricket: Sri Lanka gained their third victory in 42 Test matches when they beat New Zealand by nine wickets in Colombo yesterday. They had previously defeated India and Pakistan. Page 40

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Facing the problem: The physical and mental miseries of acne can last for life...

Key to a tragedy: What are the advantages and disadvantages of keyhole surgery? Dr Thomas Stuttaford views the operational ... Page 17

Sleeping rough: There is no perfect sleeping pill. They soon lose their effect and are virtually useless after being taken coninuously for more than ten to 14 days. So what is an insomniac to do?.... ... Page 17

Arms and the woman: According to a study, 21 out of 25 healthy women with unexplained enlarged armpit glands regularly used a roll-

Sequel rites: Geoff Brown reviews Macaulay Culkin in this year's big Christmas film, Home Alone 2: Lost in New York Page 33

Shelf life: Are librarians the dusty recluses of popular imagination, or are they the repressed revolutionaries and philanderers of film and literature? A new study reveals the .. Page 35

West Side stories: A surreal vision of New York low life, Weldon Rising, has opened at the Royal Court Theatre Upstairs... ... Page 34 Dance lessons: The Nederlands

Dans Theater is taking ballet into the next century; our Royal Ballet should take note, argues John

Much of England and Wales

will be cloudy, with drizzle in

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PEOPLE IN

Almost every European state is having its awkward moments and the popular consensus on a joint European future has crumpled. Roger Boyes considers all the implications..

Fair lady finds her Pygmalion: When Margaret Wheeler was convinced that she had been given the wrong baby in hospital she wrote to George Bernard Shaw for advice. Thus began a remarkable dialogue_

Daniel Johnson reports on a fascinating collection of fiction and books on chess suitable for the addier's Christmas stocking . Page 37

JOHN GRIGG

Most marriages go through perods of strain, but it is the whole point of marriage that the patiners especially those who have made Christian vows, should not out when the going is hard Page 18 14

Readers debate the rights and wrongs of further Western in the ment in the civil war in the fame Yugoslav republic of Bosnis-Herzegovina.... Page 19

We urge a prompt British and French response to President Bush's proposal for a joint civilian monitoring team in Kosovo, Postwar" Europe, we say; but is Egrope post-war? The answer may be given in Kosovo Los Angeles Times in Kosovo

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A French court ordered a photographer to pay the Duchess of York £42,000 graphs without



court allowed Milan Panic, the Yugoslav prime minister, to run Milosevic, the Serb president Page 14

places. Wales and the North will have some sunshine after

overnight fog. Patchy rain will spread into the North and North

Wales. Northwest Scotland will be wet and windy. Northern Ireland, southern and eastern Scotland will have rain by evening.

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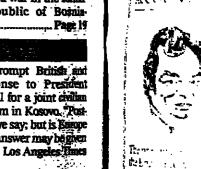
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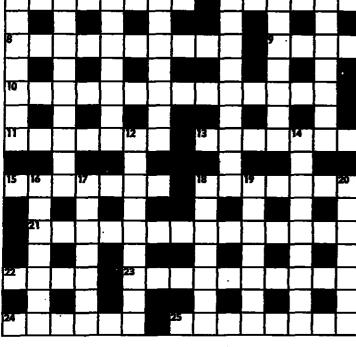
Bill Clinton is expected to announce his economic team today. and has decided to make a woman the attorney-general for the first time Page 13



John McEnroe began what could be his last major tennis tournament with a victory over Nicklas Kulti at the Grand Slam Cup in Munich yesterday Page 42



THE TIMES CROSSWORD NO 19,098



ACROSS

- 1 When one is depressed it can be One six, say, can make silly mid-on duck! (6).
- 8 Secure space for valuables (10). Fair that will do twice (2,2).
- 10 Is an index essential to such art? 11 Understatement in TS Eliot play
- 13 Name of place in which Cobbleigh kept the horse? (7).
- 15 Having two necks, one was plucked. O, bother the mess! (7). 18 Bandit chieftain who opened up Moby-Dick (7).
- too tricky? (14).
- 22 Unusual voice of a naval officer finding love (4).

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- 23 Detestable girl's squalling (10). 24 Senor covering donkey — it's one that puffs (6).

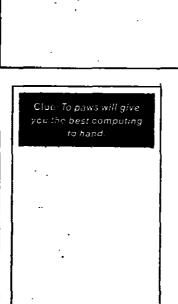
- 1 This follower of immaculate min-ers' leader is retiring (7).
- Operatic spectacles put up by Handel, we hear (9). Fellow the joke is on
- peppery (7). Skins pickles (7). Realms of party favourites? (9).
- 6 Cross with a black foot, say, on 7 Japanese play taking a long time to mount (over a year) gets a
- bouquet (7). 12 To do needlework, colour yarn in this manner (9).

 14 Note on kind of trumpet is
- almost a success (4,5). 16 House with awful mould is becoming a crooked one (7).
- 17 Prospect from square study? (7). 18 The whole or partial point E Germany makes? (7).
- 19 Herons flying over a Humberside town (7). 20 Flag in narrow street leading to
- Italian course (7).

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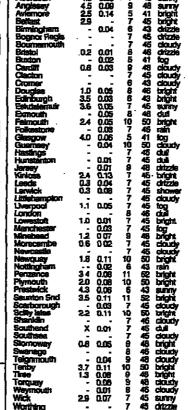
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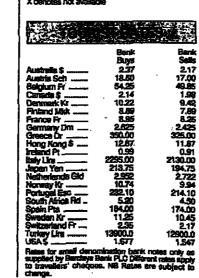
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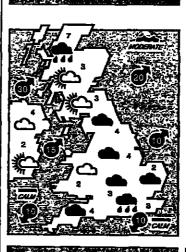


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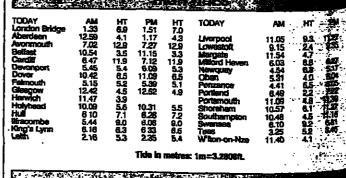






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Star

boosted

by BAT By Sarah Bagnall BAT Industries, the tobacco and financial services group, has bolstered the balance sheet of its Eagle Star insurance subsidiary by injecting £450 million. The intention is to strengthen the company's pos-

ition for general and life

business, both of which have

been under pressure.

The need for a large investment in Eagle Star has long been mooted. The company

made pre-tax losses of £66

million in the nine months to

September 30, compared with £248 million previously, and has suffered from the flood of

claims on domestic mortgage indemnity policies, against which £261 million of provi-

sions have been made so far.

is able to meet its obligations, has also dropped sharply, from a peak of 113 per cent in

1985 to about 30 per cent

before the investment. This 30

per cent figure falls to 20 per cent if the benefits of discount-

ing loss reserves, which is done

by few companies besides

Eagle Star, are stripped out. The minimum accepted by

the trade department, the

insurance sector's regulator, is

16 per cent. The injection lifts

the margin to more than 50

per cent, after discounting loss

reserves, in line with other companies in the sector. The injection will lift Eagle

Star Life Assurance's free asset

ratio from about 5 to 15 per

cent, compared with above 20 per cent for Commercial

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It is widely believed that the

bulk of the £450 million

investment is being ploughed

Martin Broughton, Eagle

Star chairman, said the capital

injection enabled the com-

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AMSTRAD VOTE

Amstrad shareholders meeting today in London are widely expected to reject Alan Sugar's offer of 30p a share

COAL JOBS



A further 26,000 jobs will be lost if the plan to close 31 coal pits goes ahead, Gillian Shephard Page 25

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The present council of the English ICA is almost incapable of making swift decisions, claims Robert Bruce Page 31

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Lonrho issue paves way for Rowland exit

By MARTIN WALLER

DIETER Bock, a German businessman and owner of the Kempinski luxury hotels chain, has ridden to the aid of Lonrho, Tiny Rowland's debt-plagued international trading conglomerate, by underwriting half of a planned £170 million rights.

As part of the deal he will buy nearly half Mr Row-land's 15 per cent share-holding for £50 million and take an option to buy most of the rest the rest. In a wide-ranging financial restructuring, Lonrho is also selling VAG, its British Volkswagen and Audi dealer, for £124 million. The rights, on a

three-for-ten basis, will involve the issue of almost 200 million new shares at 85p. Apart from the 100 million Herr Bock has guaranteed to take, the rest of the issue is not underwritten, so the exact amount that will come in to replenish Lonrho's

the European exchange-rate mechanism should be related

to the dollar and the yen as

part of a reconstruction of the

system that would enable Brit-

The proposal, made in a

private meeting with Euro-pean employers and trade

union leaders, is likely to

surprise economists and politi-

cians, but business leaders are expected to pursue it in forth-

coming talks with the

Since Britain left the ERM

on September 16, ministers

have made clear that Britain

will rejoin only when condi-tions are right. The Treasury

insists that those would in-

clude ending turbulence on

the foreign exchanges, bring-

ing UK and German mone-

tary policy more closely into

line and reducing interest rate

At yesterday's meeting, which was attended by How-

ard Davies, director-general of the CBI and Norman Willis.

general secretary of the TUC.

ain to rejoin.

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differentials.

Tiny Rowland, chief executive of Lonrho, the debt laden conglomerate, is selling half his holding and raising cash for the company from a share issue and disposal

coffers will depend on market response. The issue price com-pares with Lonrho's share price of 79p, up 5p last night as wind of the deal reached the market. The shares started the

year at 177p.

Herr Bock is paying 115p each for 43.5 million shares out of Mr Rowland's personal holding. This is the first time Mr Rowland has ever sold Lonrho shares. Herr Bock also has an option to buy 45.5 million of Mr Rowland's remaining shares after three years or, if later, when Mr Rowland ceases to be a Lonrho director. Mr Rowland has a similar option to require Herr Bock to buy. Lonrho, which reported a

detailed several European eco-

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were "interlinked", including

progress on the single market

According to those present, he then mentioned the diffi-

culties with the ERM over the

summer, up to and including

September 16, and said sev-

eral problems about the recon-

struction of the system

He said that when the

economists believe such a rela-

tionship with currencies out-

side Europe would create greater stability; others argue that it would increase the

constraints and pressures on

European currencies and compound the difficulties that caused Britain to leave the

Politically, Mr Major's sug-

gestion could prove difficult on the eve of the European

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Major proposes

rebuilding ERM

By PHILIP BASSETT, INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

JOHN Major suggested that among others, Mr Major

drop in first half pre-tax profits from £109 million to £38 million, says that the recovery that Mr Rowland forecast in the second half did not take place. Net after-tax profits attributable to shareholders for the year to end-September are now estimated at £82 million, but this is after crediting extraordinary gains of £76 million. A final dividend of 2p is forecast, bringing the annu-al sum to 4p (13p). Several overseas sharehold-

ers, including Genting, the vehicle of Tan Sri Lim, the Malaysian tycoon, have al-ready established a foothold on Lonrho's share register. Gencor, the South African mining group, has said it is interested in Lonrho's South African coal mining and plati-num interests, which would fit well with its Impala platinum operations. Lonrho also has a 45 per cent holding in the Ashani gold mine in Ghana, with which Gencor has a technical agreement covering gold processing.

gold processing.

Lonrho, many of whose assets are in Africa, has admitted to a sterling debt problem and has been selling assets to raise cash. In South Africa, it has close mining links with Gencor. Genting, involved in plantations and casinos, is thought to be interested in the group's hotels and casinos.

Lonrho's core businesses have been battered by the recession and the low price on world markets of platinum, and there has been growing disaffection in the City at the management and autocratic style of Mr Rowland, 75.

system was rebuilt, Europe would have to look at the ERM's relationship with the yen and the dollar. Some The company's standing in the City was further hit by news in spring that Lonrho would be selling a one-third stake in its Metropole Hotels business to Libya for £177.5 million. This raised fears that it could end up on America's list of banned companies because of United Nations sanctions against Libva. The Libyan deal was cleared by the department of trade and industry in June.

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Motoring ahead: Lord Farnham, chairman of Avon Rubber, where profits rose 36 per cent

Avon Rubber bounces above £9m

BY OUR CITY STAFF

COST savings from earlier reorganisation allowed Avon Rubber, the tyre and automotive components company, to recover sharply in the year to October 3. Profits grew 36 per cent to £9.15 million before exceptional items and tax.

The figures were accompanied by an upbeat statement from Lord Farnham, the chairman, who said there were reasons to be confident about the future. These includ-ed the benefits of reorganisation and a growing international spread.

A £208,000 gain reflects a £1.51 million profit from the sale of a half-share in the automotive business, offset by write-downs in the value of investments. Earnings per share before exceptionals rose 40 per cent to 27.9p. An 11.5p final dividend gives a total unchanged at 16.5p.

terday totalling £105 million for the new Opel car plant in Eisenach, in former East

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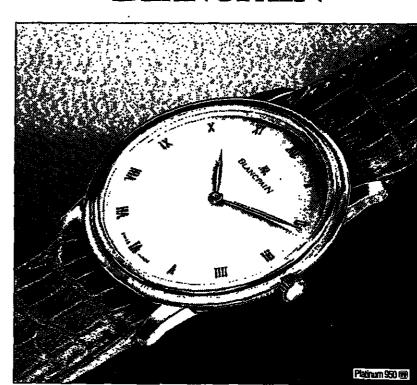
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Isosceles chief to step down

ALISTAIR Mitchell-Innes is stepping down as chief executive of Isosceles, the heavily indebted parent of Gateway. the supermarket chain. News of his departure, an-

nounced after yesterday's monthly board meeting, came with confirmation of a review of the group's financial structure. There had been talk that trading difficulties would force the group into a third big refinancing, less than six

weeks after the second. Mr Mitchell-Innes, who was appointed chief executive in September 1991, after the departure of David Smith, will step down next year. He will continue to have primary responsibility for Gateway Foodmarkets until a new chief executive has been appointed.

step down in 1993. Mr Sharp said in a statement: "We have been reviewing our trading strategy to determine the most appropriate way of positioning the group's portfolio of stores. To this end we are working with a firm of management consultants."

This is the second big change at the group in two months. Bob Willett stepped down as chief executive of

fusingly codenamed the Tipo B. Over the next decade, Fiat

will renew its entire 18-model

range as part of a multi-billion pound investment

Ernest Sharp, chairman of Isosceles, said it had been agreed when Mr Mitchell-Innes joined that he would Gateway in October.

Brittan seethes over Fiat cash critics

FROM TOM WALKER

SIR Leon Brittan, EC competition commissioner, was said to be furious yesterday at criticism of his decision to allow the Italian government to pump £2.47 hillion into Fiat, the troubled car group. "He's not at all happy. People just aren't looking at the facts," his spokesman said.

Brussels has allowed the aid because Fiat will use it to

aid because Fiat will use it to build two new factories in Mezzogiorno, the poor south-ern region, while closing fac-tories in the richer North. The overall effect is to raise the group's car production by 3 per cent and overall EC car output by just 0.2 per cent, way beneath expected inat Melfi will produce Fiat's replacement for the Uno, concreases in demand. At the

Sir Leon: angry

same time the commission expects huge spin-off benefits to ancillary industries in southern Italy. The new plant

plan that will shift production towards the south of Italy. About £400 million of the aid will be given in grants for research and development, as Fiat is "making genuine advances", according to Sir Leon's spokesman. Both factories - the second, in Pratola Serra, will make engines will be highly automated, and will help secure the compa-ny's lead in robotised technology in Europe. Fiat is already selling automated factory equipment to its rivals on the Continent, and recently helped Ford re-equip its plant

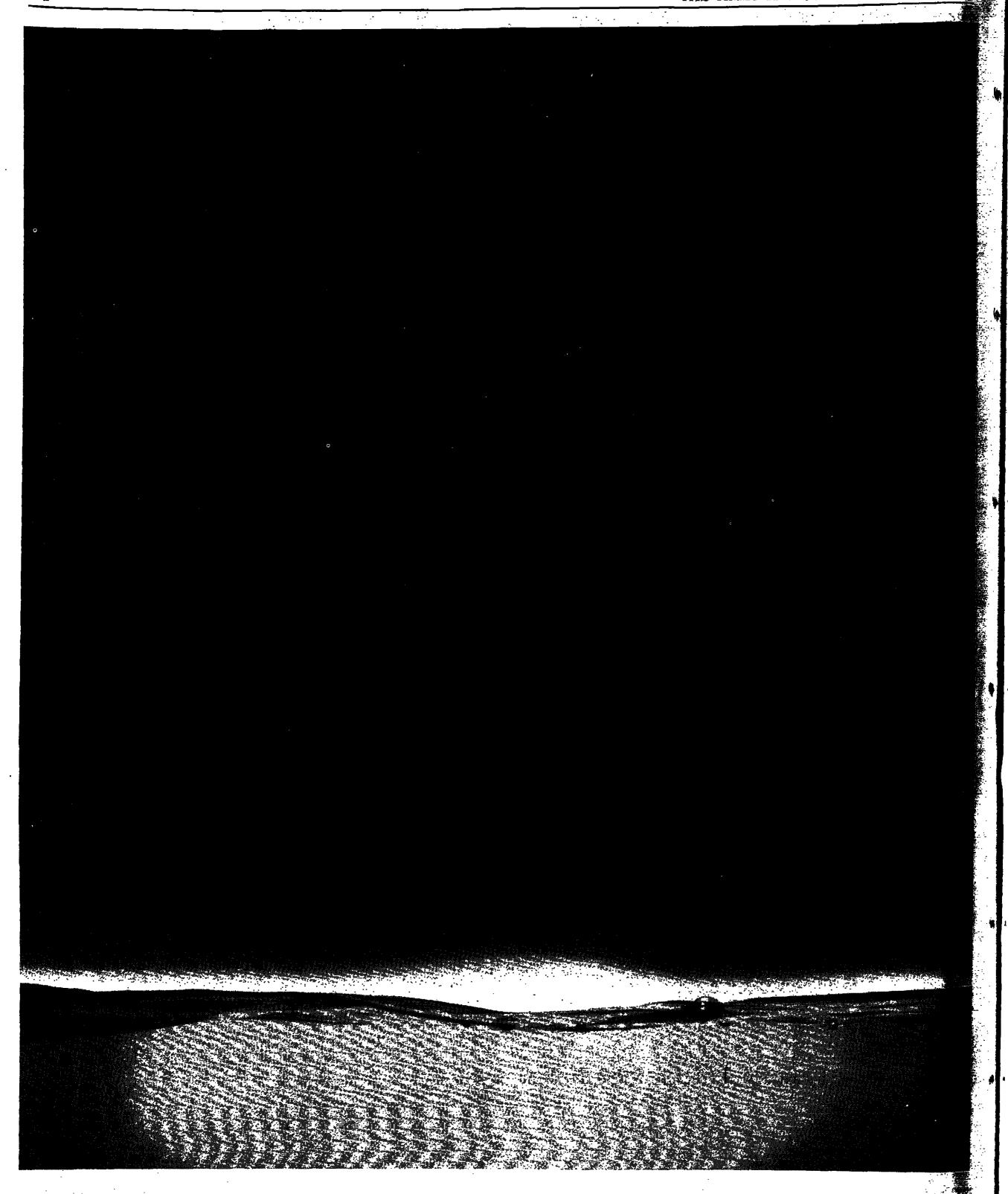
also allowed German aid ves-

supply jobs.

Sir Leon's next major car industry decision will come next week, when he is expected to give the Portuguese government the go-ahead to pump £438 million pounds into a new Volkswagen-Ford complaint with the European Court. at Genk, in Belgium. Sir Leon

joint venture at Setubal, which will build a Renault

Espace-type van, codenamed the VX-62. The project has led Matra, the company that makes the Espace under li-cence from Renault, to lodge a



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Chicago. April 13 1992, The river breaks through into the network of tunnels beneath the business district. A few inches of water seeps into the basement of the area's office blocks. Electricity substations, computers and telecommunication systems go down. 200 companies are hit. Business is suspended at the Chicago Futures Exchange. Millions of dollars are lost.

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BUSINESS HOUNDUP

NFC raises payout

as profits dip to £91m

PRE-TAX profits at NFC, the international transport and

logistics company, slipped from £93.7 million to £91 million in the 12 months to October 3 but were in line with its own "best view" for the year. Earnings eased from 13.6p a share to 13.1p but the total dividend rises from 6.25p to 6.55p, with a 2.3p 5mal. The charm along 3.2 biglions at 2.3p 5mal. 2.3p final. The shares closed 2p higher at 286p.

Operating profits rose just 1 per cent to £102.7 million.

although there was a 3 per cent increase from core businesses to help offset a 23 per cent decline in earnings from property. Interest costs rose from £5 million to £8.4 million after a rise in borrowings resulting from a planned increase in investment. During the year NFC acquired 16 companies in eight countries for a total of £75 million. Jack Mather, chief executive, said the immediate economic future was uncertain

but NFC had the financial strength and the right mix of

businesses to achieve "satisfactory" results. Tempus, this page

Lombard sees no revival

CONSUMER confidence has not yet returned and industrial

activity and investment have failed to pick up. Lombard North Central, the finance house, said. The company, part of

National Westminster Bank, lifted pre-tax profits from £3.2

million to £89.8 million in the year to end-September, helped by a reduction in provisions for bad and doubtful debts from

£171.8 million to £155.2 million. Total assets under its control fell by £500 million, reflecting the effects of recession. Earnings per share jumped to 31.5p from 12.8p.

BRITISH Airways has made a formal bid to take a 25 per

cent share in Qantas, the Australian national airline. At least

one other major international carrier. Singapore Airlines, met the deadline imposed by the Australian government for

sealed bids. A final decision will probably be made in February. BA, which is thought to have bid about £300

million, points out that it is prevented by Australian law from

holding more than a quarter of the shares. The Australian government will retain the controlling interest.

OIL prices tumbled yesterday, extending a slide that has

taken them down by 15 per cent in seven weeks because of

market concern about excess supply. Traders ignored a Saudi

Arabian warning that a correction was in prospect. Futures

for the benchmark crude oil, North Sea Brent Blend, fell 12

cents to \$17.82, compared with almost \$21 in mid-October.

Traders reacted to news from the American Petroleum

Institute that US stocks of distillate — used for heating oil — rose by 3.99 million barrels last week.

Aircraft arm to be sold

Oil prices slide again

Qantas bid by BA

Estimate for knock-on job cuts from pit closures lower

■ The employment secretary told a Commons select committee that up to 26,000 jobs could be lost if 31 pits are closed, far fewer than the 70,000 industry estimates

By Jonathan Prynn and Ross Tieman

UP TO 26,000 additional jobs could be lost in local communities and companies dependent on the coal industry if the government proceeds with its plan to close 31 pits, Gillian Shephard, the employ-ment secretary, told MPs

yesterday.

The estimate, which was made in a memorandum to the Commons employment select committee, contrasts with estimates of up to 70,000 knock-on job losses made by

As well as the 29,500 jobs at the pits, the memorandum identifies a further 17,000 jobs in contracting, supply and other industries that would be put at risk by the closures. Of these, about half are in manufacturing.

Estimates in the memorandum on the scale of the job losses in local communities are couched in cautious terms because of unpredictable factors that could affect the final total. However, the department concludes that between 3,000 and 6,000 jobs in "travel to work" areas around the pits could be wiped out. In addition, a further 3,000 transport jobs are in danger, partly because of the reduced demand for coal from the power generators.

Mining equipment manu-facturers told MPs they would be forced to shed more than 15,000 workers if British Coal is allowed to close 31 pits.

In evidence to the Commons trade and industry select committee, the Association of British Mining Equipment Companies (Abmec) said their annual sales will slump from £907 million to just £575 million, the association said.

If its domestic sales base was sharply reduced, the industry might lose its world leadership

role to Germany, and many companies would concentrate their activities overseas. The gloomy message was

contained in submissions that highlight the scale of contraction the mining equipment industry has already undergone. A memorandum com-piled by William Morrell. director-general of Abmec. says the closure of 142 British Coal mines between 1983 and 1992 has already presented "extreme difficulties" for equipment makers. Between the end of 1987 and December last year, Abmec's 50 member companies shed

50,000 employees. The cost of contraction had weakened company balance sheets and swallowed funds that would have been better invested in developing new or improved products, he said.

Until recently, British Coal was the world's largest consumer of mining equipment. That backbone of domestic demand had enabled the industry to become a world leader. But it has made strenuous efforts to build up exports to compensate for declining domestic demand.

British longwall mining equipment dominates deep mines around the world. Half the roof supports and conveyor equipment in American mines was made in Britain. In Mexico, South Africa and Australia, the proportion exceeds 80 per cent, and in Japan, every mine conveyor was made in Britain.

But Miss Beverley Webster, vice president of Abmec, said British Coal had not placed a single substantial order this year. Moreover, many overseas buyers had suspended buying in the hope of buying surplus machines from British



Play time: Peter Greenall (left) with chairman Andrew Thomas try the delights of Greenall's 'jungle bungle'

Manweb interims up by a third

By PATRICIA TEHAN dend by 12 per cent, from

MANWEB, the Chester-based regional electricity comparty, pushed pre-tax profits up 35 per cent in the half-year to September 30, helped by an £11 million turnaround in its supply business.

The profits increase, from £27.5 million to £37.1 million, was achieved despite the company's decision to hold price rises to 1.9 per cent, below the industry average and under the rate of inflation. Manweb is increasing its interim divisix were lost to other companies.

5.45p to 6.1p.

John Roberts, chief execu-Electricity distribution to the tive, said the improvement was partly due to a 2 per cent increase in distribution to industrial customers. He said: There are signs of industry picking up, measured by sales, warmer than last year. and we have had significant inward investment.

Manweb won 47 customers in the non-franchise market (consumers of more than one megawatt). Thirteen of these were from outside the region;

commercial sector grew by under 1 per cent, while units distributed to domestic customers fell by just over 1 per cent, because the spring was Marweb is the only region-

al company not to move into gas-fired power generation. Its only generation projects are wind farms.

Countrywide sees housing glimmer

ALAN Cherry, chairman of Countrywide Properties, the Essex housebuilder, has spied signs of recovery in the housing market since the government started the attempt to expand the economy this au-

tumn (Martin Waller writes). Enquiries at the company's sites are up 32 per cent yearon-year and firm reservations 35 per cent ahead. "We reckon

all the other things the Chancellor said in his Autumn Statement have had some impact. But we have had two or three false dawns in the last three years," he said. "We're a bit cautious in saying the upturn has started."

Countrywide has again slipped into a full-year loss after being forced to take a

that the low interest rates and £14.8 million provision all the other things the Chanagainst the value of land and property holdings.
A pre-tax deficit of £11.7

million contrasts with a £3.05 million profit last time, but the final dividend of 2.70p is being paid out of reserves, leaving the total maintained at 4.11p. Borrowings remained within limits agreed with the banks.

Greenalls beer sales still falling

BEER volumes sold in public houses owned by Greenalls Group, the North West public house and hotels company. are still falling as the impor-tant Christmas trading season approaches, but the rate of dedine is slowing, said Peter Greenall, managing director.

Greenalls outpaced estimates made at the time of October's £86 million rights issue with pre-tax profits up from £64.1 million to £64.4 million in the year to September 25 after seeing property profits £2.85 million lower. The final dividend is confirmed at 6.93p, making a total up from

11.0p to 11.77p.

A writedown for the group's American hotels to their disposal value leaves an extraordinary charge of £14.9 million, while a similar reduction in the value of the British portfolio cuts the revaluation reserve by £35.6 million.

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GENERAL Dynamics has agreed to sell its tactical military GENERAL Dynamics has agreed to sell its tactical military aircraft business to Lockheed for \$1.525 billion in cash. General Dynamics said it expected to make a net gain of about \$650 million on the deal, which is expected to be completed during the first quarter of 1993, subject to regulatory approval. Lockheed will keep the division's present management and workforce, which numbers about 22,000. Lockheed said the acquisition would immediately increase

Shipyard upturn 'near'

THE upturn in world shipbuilding looks set to arrive much earlier than expected and could be established by the end of next year, according to Erik Tonseth, president of Kvaerner. the Norwegian industrial group that owns Govan Shipyard in Glasgow. Mr Tonseth said in London that he had become siderably more optimistic about prospects during the past six months. He expected the Clydeside yard to show a small profit next year. It has orders for five chemical carriers that will keep it fully employed until 1995.

Hepworth goes Dutch

HEPWORTH, the building materials group, is to acquire AWB, a Dutch combination boiler business, and some assets of Kiddy BV. a Dutch specialist condensing boiler maker, for £10.2 million. The deal is to be funded from the proceeds of a share placing raising £24.1 million. The balance will be used to strengthen continental European gas boiler operations. Existing shares rose 4p to 263p. AWB, a subsidiary of Mignot de Bloeck, makes condensing, free-standing and conventional combination boilers and gas-fired radiators.

Brabant snubs merger

BRABANT Resources, the oil and gas exploration company, has snubbed an attempt by Aberdeen Petroleum, whose interests are in North America, to merge. Aberdeen, which acquired a 9.99 per cent interest in Brabant last month, said there was a recognised need for rationalisation in the industry. A merger would allow the enlarged group to work towards the payment of dividends. Brabant said a merger would offer no synergy and consolidation of assets was not of interest to employees or shareholders.

Protean soars to £1.4m

PROTEAN, the laboratory equipment supplier and water purification specialist formerly known as Elga Group, tripled pre-tax profits to £1.4 million (£462,000) in the six months to end-September and has announced an acquisition and placing. The company is paying £2.1 million for Epsom Glass Industries, a maker of specialist glass products, to be financed through a £2.5 million share placing. Earnings per share were 3.74p (1.94p). There is an interim dividend of

Capital boost lifts Eagle away from danger

BAT Industries' massive £450 million cash injection into its insurance offshoot, Eagle Star, is not going to pressurise other insurers to follow suit and recapitalise, despite flagging insolvency margins

around the industry. The much-needed and widely expected capital boost has dragged Eagle Star's solvency ratio, a safety net that ensures insurance companies are able to meet their obligations, back from a worryingly low level to one more in line with most of its peers. The injection has not, however, propelled the company into a sition of superior solvency.

Far from it. Eagle Star can now boast a ratio above 50 per cent, which puts it up with insurers such as General Accident, at 45 per cent. However, the figures are not directly comparable because Eagle Star's calculation is based on a method more at home on the other side of the Atlantic. By taking the unusual step of discounting loss reserves, the company's solvency margin is flattered by about 10 per cent.



Help for Eagle Star: Sir Patrick Sheehy, BAT chief

quirky corporate structure that favours its figures.

Even after stripping out Eagle Star's discounting, the cash injection is extremely welcome. The solvency margin is no longer languishing at around 20 per cent, a far cry

while Royal Insurance has a quirky corporate structure company boasted in 1985. Most of the decline has been since 1989, when the margin was at 99.9 per cent, and has been experienced by the sec-tor as a whole. The market has been well aware of the pres-sure on companies' balance

sheets for some time and there has been a willingness to accept today's reduced margins of 40-odd per cent because of the belief that there is a light at the end of the tunnel. The expectation that the berd will follow Commercial Union and a few others to profits in 1993 and onwards has proved sufficient to allay fears over low solvency margins. As a consequence, Eagle Star's competitors have been saved from searching out further means of bolstering shareholders' funds in an unwilling market.

Greenalls

THAT Christmas is arriving later and departing sooner may be good news for the Scrooges among us, but it is no help to a brewing sector battered by the downturn in consumer spending. Greenalls is not alone in hoping that festivities will last longer this year than in 1991.

Greenalls has eash in the bank, after October's rights issue, to take advantage of cheap buying opportunities. But the figures for the last

suggest that market conditions continue to make the going tough.

Distribution is, by the company's own admission, disappointing, despite heavy savings from job cuts, while hotels made gains on occu-pancy rates in the autumn but at the expense of tariffs. Benefits from lower interest rates will be limited by the decision to lock in much of the debt at 10.5 per cent, and pretax profits this year are un-likely to exceed £66 million by much, putting the shares on a forward multiple of 12.6. Im-mediate gains will be limited.

NFC's share price moved in several directions after the group reported pre-tax profits of £91 million for the year to October 3, compared with £93.7 million previously.

There was a £14.5 million pension fund credit, which compared with a £4 million credit last time, and redundancy charges above the line were £2.2 million higher at

financial year, trailed in out-line at the time of the rights, other one-off, but undisclosed, reorganisation items. The thrust of the year was,

however, that core operating profits in an otherwise difficult period were 3 per cent higher, and despite a modest dip in net earnings, the total dividend rises from 6.25p to NFC's own "best estimate" of 1993 profits will be given

on February 28, but there are early signs that the American economy is picking up, and there is some suggestion that currencies will move in NFC's favour in 1993. Profits from property activities will be a wild card, but elimination of last year's one-off items should see a further, and enuine, profits advance in 1993 to over £100 million.

The shares have long commanded a premium to the market, and there comes a time when the premium has to be questioned. At 266p. down 18p, they currently trade on 17.7 times prospec-tive earnings. NFC shares are sound enough for when world economies recover but are well priced at the moment.

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EPS: 1.07p (1.03p) Div: 0.5p (0.5p) Grainger Trust F Pre-tex: £4.4m loss EPS: 9.56p loss Div: 4.05p, mkg 5.25p

Blick (Final) Pre-tax: £8,6m (£6,3m) EPS: 26p (21.63p) Dtv: 6.2p, mkg 9.2p

Wilshire furniture group lifts pre-tax profits 37 per cent. Dividend covered 3.75 times by earnings. Profits up from £362,000. Difficult trading period. Bone china sales healthy Better trading prospects abroad.

Window fittings maker. Shares rise 11p to 145p. Final dividend of 2.44p plus bonus dividend of 0.13p

Packaging company looking to stronger dollar earnings in second half. Good rise in profits from core business. Profits up 136 per cent due to inclusion of Ritz Design and Gifford, Good forward

Loss after exceptional item of £5.7m compares with profit of £1.4m previously. EPS: 8.03p last time. Previous div: (5.25p)

Last year's total dividend was 8p. Turnover rose from £23.8m to £30.9m. Contracted future rental income rose from £68m to £85m

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STOCK MARKET

Guinness shares feel a new year chill

THERE appears to be little evidence of festive cheer at Guinness. where the shares fell 23p to 502p as the group faced up to the prospect of deteriorating trading conditions in 1993. Tony Greener, the chairman, has told the City that the world economy continues to look bleak and forecasts that next year will be even more difficult than 1992. which is expected to show pretax profits virtually unchanged at £960 million.

The absence of economic recovery means that Guinness will continue to concentrate on its core spirits and brewing division. But the message from the company means that those analysis who had been looking for profits of more than £1 billion for 1993 may soon start scaling down their forecasts. The Guinness price was also hit yesterday by news of a rise in beer excise duty in Spain. Guinness is Spain's

biggest brewer. Elsewhere, share prices followed the financial future lower after a firm start. This was also the signal for investors to start taking profits ahead of the start of new-time

STOCK shortages at the longer end provided government

securities with another posi-

tive session as prices made

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the onerous task of squaring up book positions ahead of the year-end to give an indication of their liquidity positions, but the recent strong

performance in longs has

Turnover was decribed as

low with the March series of

the long gilt future rising £3/s with 21.700 contracts completed. Once again in the cash market, longs outperformed shorts with Treasury 9 per cent 2012 up 11 ticks at £1029/32, while Treasury 84

per cent 1997 could add only four ticks at £1059/32.

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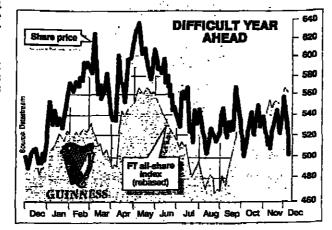
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dealings for the next account beginning on Monday. The FT-SE 100 index closed near its low of the day, down 19.1 at 2,750.7 as 660 million shares changed hands. Most investors now feel that today's meeting of the Bundesbank is unlikely to result in a cut in German interest rates. Lourho, the international

trading group, was a strong market, climbing 5p to 79p on talk of an announcement expected to give details of a major disposal and a fundraising. Speculators were also excited by talk that Tiny Rowland, the chief executive, is diluting his 16 per cent holding in the company. A total of 4.4 million shares were traded. Lonrho has been a weak counter of late and has underperformed the rest of the

Royal Insurance eased 1p to 264p and Standard Chartered jumped 12p to 535p as the Stock Exchange confirmed that they are to become constituents of the FT-SE 100 index. They will replace BET. down 2p at 81p, and Rolls-Royce, Ip lighter at 100p, and are certain to attract the sup-



funds. Hepworth jumped 4p to 263p on its plans to acquire two Dutch boilermakers. To

BRITISH FUNDS

subscribed. Cadbury Sch-weppes, the soft drinks and confectionery group, firmed 2p to 465p. It is meeting a

BARCLAYS Bank fell 7p to 377p after a meeting with Kleinwort Benson. The broker has cut its current year forecast from £180 million to £80 million, but is positive about the shares, recommending Barclays in preference to NatWest, up 1p at 389p.

number of analysts this week finance the deal, Schroders and James Capel to bring them up to date on placed 9.75 million shares at 249p. The placing was overprogress. Spring Ram, the

ment group, has also gone some way to soothing City fears by talking to fund managers. The group appears to have put its message across clearly. The shares rose 9p to

Amstrad, the consumer electronics group, eased 1p to 24p after shareholders rejected the proposed £113 million buyout by Alan Sugar, the chairman. Almost 60 per cent of shareholders rejected the terms of 30p a share. Mr Sugar is now advertising for non-executive directors to be elected to the board to give shareholders a fair say in how

the group is run.

British Airways slipped 2p to 277p after confirming a proposal to buy a 25 per cent stake in Qantas, the Australian national airline

Foreign shareholdings in Qantas are being limited to 25 per cent and it is expected that BA will have to compete with similar offers from rival

BAT Industries, with interests stretching from tobacco to financial services, fell 6p to 969p. The group is investing £450 million in its Eagle Star

insurance subsidiary to strengthen its market position. NFC, the road transport

group, fell 18p to 266p after reporting full-year figures showing pre-tax profits down £2.7 million at £91 million. But the group said that the economic future remained

News of losses left Countryside Properties, the housebuilder, 3p lower at 80p. The
group reported a deficit of
£11.7 million compared with
a £3 million profit for the
corresponding period. The
figure was struck after exceptional items totalling £14.8
million relating to provisions million relating to provisions and property writedowns.

Bullough, the mechanical

engineer, touched 76p before ending the session op lower at 83p after giving a warning that profits for last year are likely to fall short of market expectations. The group is forecasting pre-tax profits of £8.5 million following charges of £3.3 million. It blames problems at Atal, its French subsidiary, for the setback.

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Traders said the market's trend was still up, even though the secondary tier, which has

recently outpaced the Dow, was mostly lower because of profit-taking at the start of the

The Dow was up four points at 3,326, while in the broad market declining shares re-mained ahead of advancing shares by four to three. (Reuter)

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The writing on Rowland's wall

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omething had to give at Lonrho. The group may be full of prized mining jewels and many another semi-precious business, but profits have been hit by the recession in anything from British conference business to precious metal prices. Lack of domestic profits has raised the tax charge to ridiculous levels, dividends have been cut savagely after 20 years of progress and cash injections from the sale of businesses have barely kept pace with pressures on the balance sheet. At times like that, a company needs friends. Tiny Rowland, Lonrho's aging presiding genius, never seriously bothered to cultivate them in the financial community and has been better known for his enmittes. Companies dominated by a single entrepreneurial figure went heavily out of fashion long before the Cadbury rules codified City thinking, leaving Lonrho out on a limb.

By yesterday morning, Lonrho's market value was languishing under £500 million. The latest flock of potential vultures was gathering, with Tan Sri Lim's Malaysian companies building a 7.3 per cent stake and South Africa's Gencor expressing interest in Western Platinum, Ashanti gold and the group's coal interests should they become available. As the group drew up the accounts for its multitude of businesses for the year to end-September, not usually reported until January, the urgent need for a deal must have become evident.

Sadly, it has long seemed likely that the empire built by Mr Rowland would disintegrate in one way or another without him. In true Rowland style. yesterday's complex rights issue deal brings in another weighty personality while leaving the options open for what will happen in the future. Unlike the summer deal that brought £177 million of Libyan money into Metropole, the latest deal has more clearly been struck from a position of weakness. Mr Rowland will give up his prime position on the share register, which has survived challenges from people who could not back their aggressive intentions. A 15 per cent stake buttressed his dominance in the boardroom, but he will remain a powerful force.

At any other time, such a deal would have provoked an outright break-up bid. Today that is no foregone conclusion, though the likes of Lord Hanson will certainly have done their sums. Mr Rowland's willingness to contemplate fundamental change somewhat changes the odds.

Making choices

The latest bolt from the Accounting Standards Board on complex financial instruments shows the dilemma it faces when going for clarity and comparability in accounts. Hard decisions have to be taken about issues on which there are genuine differences and where accounting policies might legitimately vary in the circumstances of different companies. FRED3, which will form the basis for a new compulsory standard next year, contains several examples. To take one, participating preference shares, part of whose return varies with the ups and downs of trade, are to many people the nearest thing to pure ordinary shares. They will now be treated as non-equity with participation rights being effectively a deduction from what is available for true shareholders.

Clear new rules were needed because flexibility led to exploitation, if not abuse. The letter of accounting possibilities was increasingly treated as more important than the spirit, as ever more ingenious wheezes were dreamed up. In stamping them out, the ASB has had to take more basic choices. As in any community from the kindergarten upwards, if people ignore the spirit of a liberal regime, they soon find themselves working under tougher rules that some

Tracking high-flying entrepreneurs inflates risks for shareholders

The time to lay down

the law on company

practices is when a group decides to float on

the stock market

writes William Kay

he scale of the shareholder rebellion against Alan Sug-ar has brought into sharp focus the dangers facing investors who try to cage an entrepre-neurial tiger. The 1980s produced a formidable jungleful of business ti-gers who launched companies, float-ed on the stock market and in most cases were shot between the eyes by

Those whose businesses collapsed, or those who were ousted, like Asil Nadir, John Gunn, John Ashcroft, George Walker, George Davies, Sophie Mirman and Gerald Ramer, merely presented investors with acute versions of the perennial problem of spotting winners and losers before

they happen.
But Mr Sugar is in a different and more exclusive category. He, along with Richard Branson, Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber and Harry Goodman, wanted to withdraw from the limelight by going private again. Today, Mr Sugar is expected to find that his plans have failed. Proxy votes counted suggest defeat unless a wave of Sugar supporters arrive in person to vote for him at today's meetings.

Shareholders in Amstrad have, like those before them in Virgin Group, Really Useful Group and Interna-tional Leisure Group (ILG), been faced with a dilemma: do they let their hero reclaim his business at what many suspect is a rock-bottom price, or do they keep him in his cage in the hope that he will continue to

perform for them? Mr Goodman argued that ILG's profits would be depressed by a forthcoming capital spending programme on new aircraft. In the event, investors made the right decision to let him go, for the recession dragged the company into

receivership, owing £380 million. Sir Andrew and Mr Branson had different reasons for quitting the stock market. They both felt cramped by the requirements to keep a wider body of followers happy with steadily rising profits and a strategy that had

at least the patina of logic.
Part of the idea behind floating Really Useful Group had been to put a value on Sir Andrew's copyrights to diversify the vast cash flow from his creative output into more solid assets.

The aim was to use the quoted paper to assemble a broadly based leisure group that would have been considerably less dependent on Sir Andrew's ability to wake up in the morning and write another smash hit. But, after a few years, he decided that the creative juices still had a good few hits left in them, and he did not particularly want to share the benefit with all and sundry.

"When it came down to it, Andrew wanted all the toys back in his own "It's hard for most entrepreneurs to



attic," said one of Really Useful's financial advisers.

Mr Branson floated Virgin minus the airline — in 1986, the same year as Sir Andrew made his move with Really Useful. But within 18 months, he was disillusioned. The 1987 crash had helped to take Virgin's share price down from its original 140p to 90p, and brokers and institutions were complaining that they could not understand where the mercurial Mr Branson was taking the business.

In the circumstances, shareholders were glad to sell the shares back to Mr Branson for 140p — though they might have thought twice had they known he would sell the music side this year for £550 million.

"It's a high-risk activity, investing in a company run by a strong individual," observed Andrew Threadgold, chief executive of Postel Investment Management, which invests on behalf of the Post Office employee pension funds.

"It's a great ride while it lasts, but often the experience is that you tend to come unstuck in the end," he added. Postel, like the Prudential, has come out against Mr Sugar's attempt to buy back Amstrad. But Mr Threadgold accepts the difficulties that such driven spirits as Mr Sugar suffer in trying to serve outside shareholders.

convert from running their own show to running a public company," said Mr Threadgold. "Some individuals not doing so. are unable to recognise the importance of outside interests, and find The Cadbury Code places great them an irritant."

Any investor naturally wants the best of both worlds: the excitement and rich rewards of getting in on a market newcomer as it soars through the stratosphere, without the financial headaches that often follow.

Sir Adrian Cadbury's committee on corporate governance has tried to write a set of rules for good behaviour that should avoid the worst excesses. The London Stock Exchange has now incorporated these into its listing

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agreement, so that every quoted company will have to comply or explain in its annual report why it is

emphasis on the role of independent non-executive directors, to ensure that the company is performing as it should, and to help resolve conflicts of

Critics of Mr Sugar have pointed out that Amstrad has no nonexecutive directors, and other strong business characters have either dispensed with such worthies or confined their selections to the mild and malleable. This week, Mr Sugar announced that Amstrad was looking for two non-executive directors.

Sir Adrian admits that his code may deter some would-be tycoons from exposing themselves to the stock market. "We don't want to discourage entrepreneurs," he said. "but if they come to take money from the public they must realise that they are entering into a new series of responsibilities which they have to take seriously. Nevertheless, you will never be able to shut out the determined rogue, because the rules would have to be so strict that it would no longer be possible to run a business."

It is clear that the time to lay down the law is when a company is going public. The directors want something, whether it is paper to use for takeovers, ready access to capital, a

valuation on their holdings for tax purposes or just the fame and glory of

So they have every incentive to obey, and indeed they already have to absorb a mass of rules and regulations in connection with their new status, from the Stock Exchange listing agreement to public relations advice to take the family yacht off the books. That is when the budding captain of industry is most likely to be willing to tolerate a few more curbs and it is also the point where the investing public is likely to be at its most guilible, particularly in the full tide of a bull market.

The authorities really have to lean on these people early in the game to get them to adopt structures which Cadbury would recognise," said Mr Threadgold, "Perhaps they should not be allowed to buy back a company they have created."

Brian Winterflood of Winterflood Securities, the leading market-maker in the shares of smaller companies, is understandably more concerned about the distortions caused when a company's founder refuses to release more than a small proportion of the shares onto the market.

"One of the reasons we don't have much liquidity in the shares of these entrepreneurial companies," he explained, "is that maybe only 20 per cent of the share capital is floated and the brokers lay down an understanding that no more should go onto the

n the contrary, Mr Winterflood would prefer second or third tranche of shares to be released, in order to maintain liquidity. This would, however, have to be handled delicately to prevent it from depressing the price.

One anonymous major fund manager argued for a limit on the voting power of a dominant shareholder to. say, 30 per cent, whatever his or her actual stake. This would enable other shareholders to exert a restraining influence. But in the end it is up to investors to be vigilant in protecting their own interes

Mr Threadgold pointed out that every balanced portfolio should contain a few risky holdings, on the basis that they can lose only 100 per cent of their value while they can multiply many times. "The ideal," he said, "is to have a heavy holding when a company is small and gradually lighten it as the company matures. That is when the problems are likely to arise."

Another golden rule is to pay attention to the directors' shareholdings. That inveterate investor, recent book, The Zulu Principle: "I like the directors to own a number of shares substantial enough to give them the 'owners' eye', but not so many that they...could at some future stage block a bid. The founder or major shareholder selling a few shares would not worry me — he has to live. If, however, he sold half of his shareholding, that would unnerve me. I love to see more than one director buying, especially those ac-tively involved in the management of the company which pays their sala-

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private secretary, is advertising for an assistant who will be paid a salary of up to £36,000 a year. Dicken, 56, says the ideal candidate is likely to be in his or her mid-30s "with energy, vitality and imagination and sufficient knowledge of the City and politics to be able to fulfil our purpose of promoting the City of London." Dicken, who took up his job in September, accepts that if he is to recruit someone from a City financial institution it might necessitate their accepting a pay cut. "But the prestige of working for the Lord Mayor would more than make up for it. It's a great job with lots of variety. I am looking for someone who is on their way up the ladder rather than someone who has al-ready achieved it." The job entails liaison between the mayoralty, livery companies and business community as well as day-to-day manage-ment of the Mansion House.

Carol's No 1

MOTHER-of-three Carol Barrazzone has landed the top job in equity syndication at BZW and is being hailed by her new employer as the only woman in the City to hold that lofty position. Barrazzone. whose children are aged from with reorganisational changes



two to nine years, will, with effect from next Monday, become equity syndication manager at BZW, responsible for the day-to-day management of the firm's equity syndicate function. "There is a woman in the number two position at Goldman Sachs but as far as we are aware there is no other woman in the City who is overall head of equity syndication." says a delighted BZW spokesman. Barrazzone left Swiss Bank Corporation in September. after 13 years. She was head of its investor coverage group, in charge of the origination and distribution of derivatives and structured products to invest-ment institutions in Europe and she also played a key role in the integration of American derivatives firm O'Connor into SBC. Her new position will, she explains, involve less selling to institutions and more "co-ordination internally, with clients and with com-

petitors". She decided to leave SBC because she did not agree

there. "I was not happy with the politics or the reorganisation," she says.

Major warning WITH the shadow of both the

Edinburgh summit and the Commons announcement about the Prince and Princess of Wales's marriage looming over him. John Major still found time yesterday to crack a joke about the British economy. After his meeting with European employers' and union leaders, the prime minister noted wryly that the last time he had seen them — separately, rather than in yesterday's first-ever joint meeting was on September 15, the day before Black Wednesday and Britain's withdrawal from the European exchange-rate mechanism. He warned them that he would be watching the markets closely today — and that if anything like that happened again, then that would the last time they would be let in to see him. Ever.

Bank book LADBROKES reports a surge of betting interest in the past week on who will succeed Robin Leigh-Pemberton as the next Governor of the Bank of England, with Eddie George and Sir David Scholey emerging as the joint favourites. Other runners include Sir David Walker, Sarah Hogg, and Sir Jeremy Morse, with outside chances, at 20-1, being given to Sir Nicholas Goodison, Lord Alexander and Nigel

Out of step on bosses' pay, perks and pay-offs

From Mr Geoffrey Mills Sir, Sir Anthony Beaumont-Dark (Business Letters, December 4) is out of step in decrying the pay-offs to direc-tors leaving Trafalgar House, which averaged under a mil-

lion pounds per man. For more than a decade the keystone of government policy for stimulating competitive performance has been its resolute perception that big men will only perform better if they are paid and protected better and better. During the same period, the Institute of Director's over-riding contribution

lute support of that perception.

In harmony with both, the Cadbury Committee has just produced some "no change, chaps" proposals which will in practice ensure that there is no disturbance to the established protections. And Pro Ned policies for selecting non-executives, recently publicised, will also assist in preserving this status quo by ensuring the appointment of non-executives who are "more of what we have already got". Mean-while, working in the USA, Dr

to improving standards of Tony O'Reilly receives \$75 directorship has been the reso-million in one year for just one of his many roles. The message is clear: the pay, perks and pay-offs of British directors are still far too small to be able to stimulate good performance. They must be far bigger and

> After all, the government, IoD, Cadbury Committee and Pro Ned can't all just be confusing each other, can Yours faithfully

GEOFFREY MILLS, Edgbaston, Birmingham.

Bank managers have turned away from their traditional roles From Mr David R. Brent

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various published articles and correspondence about the attitudes adopted by banks towards small businesses. I am of the opinion that these days, the high street bank manager is little more than an insurance salesman whose primary function is to sell the various financial products of the banks, rather than take the time to gain an understanding of the real problems facing small businesses, and how these businesses operate and survive. This view is confirmed by several bank managers of

Sir, Following Mr Covins' letter (November 24), and the

my acquaintance who complain that their "traditional" discretionary powers are gradually being taken away from them, and that greater emphasis is being placed on measuring their success and profitability by the number of financial packages that are sold to customers. When I first started my

business (as a sole proprietor of a public relations and advertising consultancy). I wanted to set up a business CAROL LEONARD | account and also needed a branches. In my view, banks

may be financial experts, but small loan of £5,000 in order generally they seem to be to buy some computer equipment. I prepared a very dedistancing themselves from tailed business plan outlining their business customers, and my market research, business show very little interest or philosophy etc, and took it understanding in the way that round the high street banks. businesses operate. With one exception, they all Yours faithfully turned straight to my cash-DAVID R. BRENT flow and revenue forecasts, 22 Howey Lane, and declared, there and then, Congleton, Cheshire. that they would be happy to take me on as a business Chatset faith customer and sort out my pensions, investments, insurances, and so on. The one

From Mr Anthony Holland Sir. Your report on December 3 indicates that underwriters are angry at the figures produced by Chatset and describes them as dangerous. account. I was seen by the ture person this time), and he I have no idea of the methodology used by Chatset, indeed thoroughly - he, at least, did take a real interest in how I it could be a crystal ball, but I have learned to my cost that their estimates are far more accurate than those produced by the account and he has since my members agent and the underwriters of the syndicates l am on. My fingers are coming common practice amongst the banks to move crossed that this time the market practitioners could be night

Yours faithfully. ANTHONY HOLLAND. Windlesham Manor, Windlesham, Surrey.

A faster hearing for Lloyd's names

names and their agents From Mr Valentine Powell Sir, In her December 8 letter. both issues at the heart of Merrilyn Boorman urges indimany members' anxieties. vidual names at Lloyd's to pool Additionally, the ALM is their experience and come out running a series of conferfighting. She mentions probences across the country to

and "compensation for many fundamental issues". The Association of Lloyd's Members (ALM) has long campaigned for the redress of names' complaints and Lloyd's greater recognition of their rights and interests. The ALM has initiated and supported names action groups to pursue collective grievances and, in close consultation with Lloyd's, ALM chairman Neil Shaw has recently promoted a number of working parties. Two of these are seeking

lems with stop-loss recoveries

resolution of the problem of open years and the possible settlement by negotiation of LLoyd's Members, the major disputes between 16 St Mary at Hill, EC3.

address critical decisions faced by names, as well as a full programme of meetings on topical issues. Members attending these gain considerably from the opportunity to share their experiences with other names, as well as from the formal agenda. Personal stop-loss is a key issue on these occasions, and we are pressing hard for faster processing of names' claims. I invite Mrs Boorman to join the ALM without delay. Yours faithfully. VALENTINE POWELL, Chief Executive, Association of

Abbey should use £103m for compensation

From Rev. John D. Rawlings Sir, Lindsay Cook, in the article entitled "Abbey sells unclaimed shares" (December 5) has failed to mention the unfair treatment of those who were second-named in joint accounts at the time and were thus excluded when the shares

were made available. Surely now is the time for the £103 million to be used to put right this injustice. Yours faithfully J. D. RAWLINGS. 14 Huddington Glade, Yateley, Camberley.

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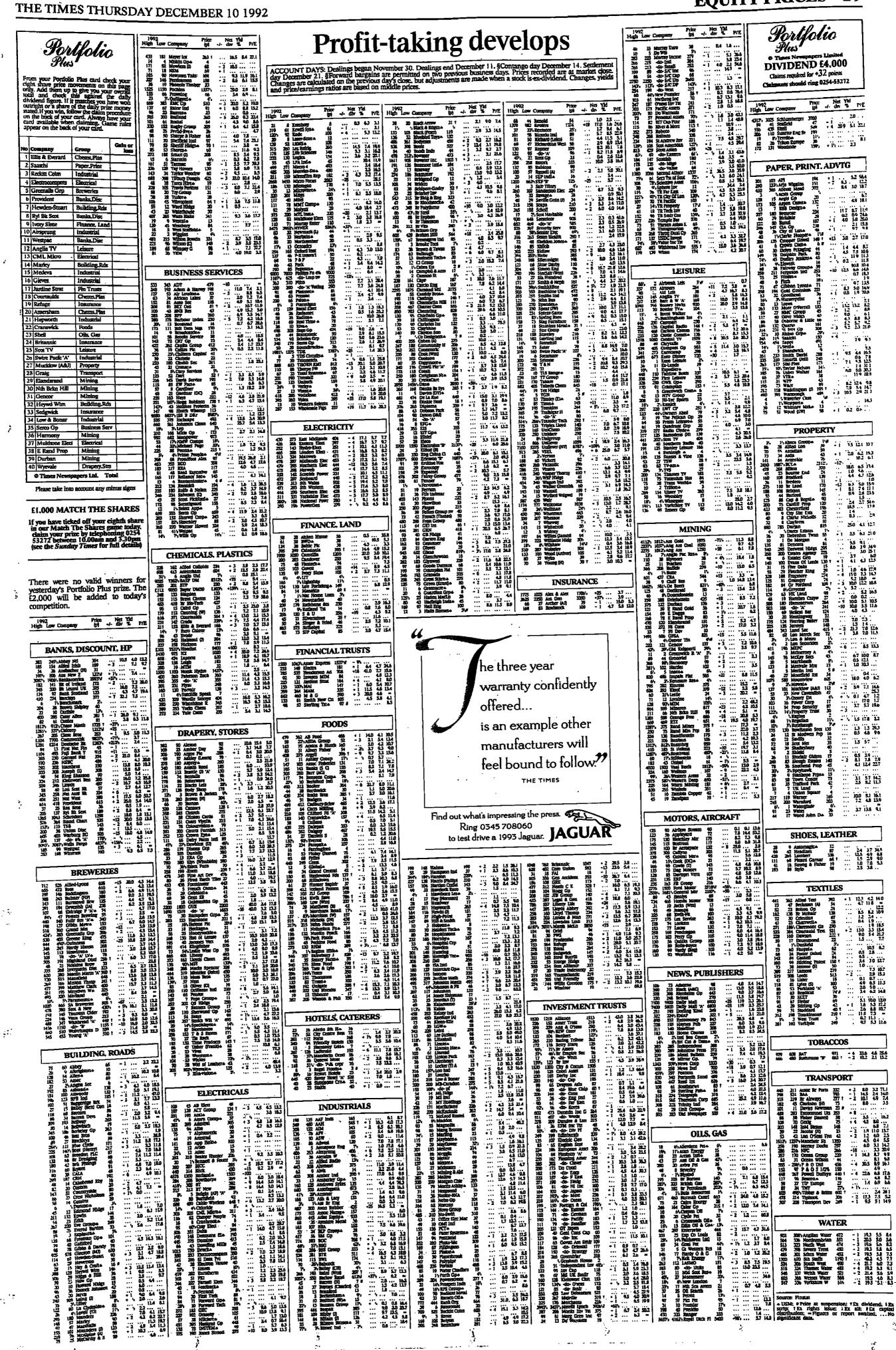
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Artists get down to business

Volunteer business advisers are helping arts organisations to manage with money. One of them will this week win a new award, says Alison Roberts

a case apart. Artist and businessman rarely meet on a professional level and, although the business world is increasingly pre-pared to support the arts financially when profits allow, the man of the theatre remains something of a dreamy figure. unconcerned with book-keeping and accounting systems.

Three years ago, the Association for Business Sponsor-ship of the Arts (ABSA) set out to change this, recognising that arts organisations were going to have

to manage a tight financial 'It has made me ship in a profeel much more fessional way. it was also obsecure about what vious that no fringe theatre I am doing, and company or literary society could afford to given us energy'

pay consultancy fees: ABSA, with feet already in the two camps, decided to pair the arts manager with the business executive in

On Friday, one of the advisers, recruited on a voluntary basis to spend perhaps a couple of hours at the ballet company or sculpture trust every formight, will win the new Arthur Andersen award at the annual ABSA prizegiving ceremony, this year held in association with The Times. Does this official blessing mean that the scheme has been a success? And what can arts organisations, often run on a collective, perhaps haphazard way in the past, learn from people who talk a com-pletely different language of profit and loss, finance and

Kath Abrahams, general manager at the Bloomsbury Theatre, in London, says that her business adviser provided an outside ear and a fresh eye.

S. Eliot, for most of his life a banker, was needed a rethink: although the Bloomsbury employs only 11 scope for a complete job description rewrite in a system that seemed to isolate its management from the stage-

> "I was worried that if an individual left the theatre they would take all their skills with them and no one else would know how to do that particular job," Ms Abrahams says. "Caroline Whatham, the business adviser, and I worked on all the weak links, so that now

> > iobs are far more interlinked. We did little things like teach more of the staff how to work the box office computer, taught staff about the marketing department

revised the graduate trainee course. I was left to do most of the work, which was good, and Caroline acted as a caralyst." The two women met over the course of about five months - the adviser gave the theatre manager "homework" and monitored progress.

The project was not intended to produce immediate fi-nancial benefits. "I always watched every penny anyway, Ms Abrahams says. But she believes the balance sheet will look healthier in the long run.

"It has made me feel much more secure about what I am doing, and it has given us more energy for the future and made me more marketable. The brilliant thing was that Caroline didn't want to step on my toes. I had requested her

The Bloomsbury theatre is tairly large, seating 500 people and with a budget of about £250,000. Sometimes, arts organisations in search of

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Stage partnership: the Opera Factory has been advised by Coopers & Lybrand

help are running on much smaller budgets; to make something work with so little cash, and to make a silk purse from a potential pig's ear, is

Stephen Clarke, a senior manager at Coopers & Lybrand, took a trainee with him the Opera Factory and. altogether, the time voluntarily given to the arts company cost £10,000 - more than many arts groups turn over in

The Opera Factory, an off-shoot from the London Sinfonietta, was a brand new enterprise desperately needing professional advice. Mr Clarke and opera-goer. He took on created an accounting system for the company from scratch. We went right through the process, with them - from writing a cheque to inputting it into the accounts and working out the total expenditure."

e helped the company to choose computer software and, without implying that the arts group were technophobic, wrote an idiot's guide to computer use. Mr Clarke describes himself as not a particularly enthusiastic arts lover, although a theatre

the Opera Factory as a professional challenge and as a learning experience.

"Personally, what do you get out of it? You talk to people who are in a completely different business environment. It is about as far removed as you can get from dealing with multinationals. You work with the company throughout the project in great depth and see t right through to the end."

Coopers & Lybrand also had its name printed on Opera Factory leaflets throughout the season, incidentally. In that sense the Business in the Arts

sponsorship, although it does not cost the firm anything. In run the ABSA scheme, believes that employees are rep-venated by being part of an arts organisation, for however short a period.

The scheme is not opera-tional across the whole country yet, but affiliate offices are branching out from London. Those in Southampton, Birmingham and Merseyside all manage similar placement operations. Nationwide, there are 70 business and arts pairings currently beavering away: since the scheme's inception, 200 matches have been made, and the numbers are doubling every two years. Advisers come from big and small companies and some, such as Ms Whatham, are freelance. Some of the big scalps have come from IBM, AT&T. Grant Thornton and

ICI Investments.

If teaching someone how to use a spreadsheet sounds like small beer, ABSA will say it is best to remember that large projects have small beginnings. That spreadsheet may have played a vital part in the marvellous production of Otello, the wonderful mod-ernist exhibition or the widely acclaimed literature festival.

Shortlisted candidates for the Arthur Andersen award director, The Sales Machine (UK), for his work on marketing with VOLTaire. . the London-based contemporary

ballet company.

Andrew Hadjitofi Senior negotiator, BP Exploration, for his work on a long-term plan with the Scottish Sculpture

Iain Pelling Executive consul-tant, KPMG Peat Marwick, for his work on finance and planning with Kaboodle Productions and the Theatre Resource Centre, both based in Liverpool

Norman Rush Business ser-

vice manager. IBM, for his work on a development plan

with Geese Theatre Company, based in Birmingham. Caroline Whatham Director, Caroline Whatham Associates, for her work on organisational structure with London's Bloomsbury The-

Rule changes will make levels of gearing soar

SEVERAL prominent companies will see loan gearing levels soar as a result of the Accounting Standards Board's latest exposure draft (ED). which puts a stop to finance directors bolstering shareholders' funds by treating various hybrid financial instruments as equity on the balance sheet.
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 Accounting for Capital
 Instruments — aims to clear up the complex area of the distinction between debt and equity. In the process, it affects a mass of quasi-equity instru-ments, such as auction market preferred shares (Amps). convertible capital bonds and deep discount bonds. Preference shares will count as nonequity, even when they have participation rights.

David Tweedie, ASB chair-

man, said: "All users of ac-counts should benefit from the greater clarity and certainty

that the proposals provide."

The ASB proposes stripping various instruments of equity status and breaking down the shareholders' funds remaining between equity and nonequity. A share will not count as equity where any of its rights to dividends or redemption are for a limited amount unrelated to a company's assets, profits or dividends. As a result, the convertible

bond and its sophisticated offspring, the convertible capital bond, originally designed by SG Warburg, the investment house, to act as debt for tax purposes and equity for accounting purposes, have lost their equity status. Companies affected by the change include British Airways, BICC and Reckitt & Colman, which in its latest accounts, for the year to January 4, 1992, shows £200 million of bonds as part of total net assets of £719.61 million. BICC's accounts show its £177 million convertible capital bond is treated as equity, although disclosed as a senarate item below shareholders' funds of £374 million. In all three cases the bonds will under the new rules, have

to appear as liabilities. BICC is

also affected by the ASB decision that preference shares issued by a subsidiary but guaranteed by the parent company should be treated as debt. BICC's accounts show that, of £134 million of minority interest, £33 million is guaranteed redeemable preference capital that the ED says should be reclassed as debt.

Amps, which regularly have their return varied through an auction process, fall into the new category of "non-equity shares". As a result, a reworking of BET's latest balance sheet would result in equity being cut by £287 million. leaving £114 million. Since then, however, BET has re-deemed its Amps. Perkins Foods and Ramers have nonequity shares but the amounts are not identifiable from the

respective accounts.
The ASB has changed its stance slightly on when an instrument can be classed as long-term debt. After representations from industry, in response to the discussion paper preceding the exposure draft, the ASB has said a oneyear loan with an agreement with the lender to extend the maturity on the same terms can be classed as long-term debt. But this still excludes commercial paper programmes, which some firms, including First Leisure Corporation, have treated as long-term debt on their balance sheets. The ASB invites comments on the ED by March 15.



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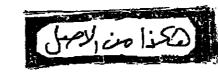
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ACCOUNTANCY Ripples of hope on liability

By Andrew Colquhoun

EXPOSURE of auditors to litigation has become the most serious problem facing accountancy firms in the Anglo-Saxon economies. In America, the profession is estimated to face aggregate claims for damages of about \$30 billion. In Australia, an A\$1.1 billion claim has been made against auditors after the collapse of a

single group of companies. Claims of this size are way beyond the limits of insurance cover. If the courts backed any of these mega-claims, a big firm could collapse, bringing chaos in the business extending to other countries. In some parts of America, auditors refuse to take on some classes of client because of high risks of subsequent litigation.

Australia may just provide a the first glimmer of hope. In 1988, someone was injured diving into a municipal pool in New South Wales because the water was too shallow. He successfully sued the local authority. This pushed the NSW state government to introduce a Professional Standards Bill.

If passed, it will effectively cap the liability of local authorities and of professionals such as accountants. The federal attorney general is investi-gating whether such an approach could be applied

Swinson docks

at Stoy

SIX months after being ousted

as managing partner of Bind-

er Hamlyn, and after talking

to a dozen firms and consider-

ing career offers outside the

profession, reforming ICAEW

stalwart Chris Swinson has

found a new home as a part-

ner at Stoy Hayward, which is steadily restoring its image

after a series of client embar-

rassments. Swinson, long in

demand as an expert court witness, will help build up Stoy's

litigation support department

when he joins on January 1.

Paul Hipps, senior partner at Stoy, stresses that the firm will

support Swinson's work for

throughout Australia. If so, it could be the start of a rational solution in other countries to the open-ended liability of accountants, which is made worse by the legal concept of joint and several liability. This holds that where there are several defendants to a damages suit, any one is potentially liable to pay all damages awarded, irrespective of relative contributions to the tort. Accountancy firms are highly vulnerable after the collapse of

Thanks to professional indemnity insurance, only they are likely to have pockets deep enough to be worth picking by aggrieved parties and their lawyers. In few such cases does negligence by accountancy firms contribute greatly to the loss claimed by third parties.

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One or two sensible legal judgments have emerged, despite the joint and several concept. In the AWA case, an Australian company claimed against its auditors for failing to report on the company's inadequate controls on foreign exchange operations. The supreme court in New South Wales concluded this year the engagement of the auditor by the company did not absolve it from a responsibility to look

the profession. He is already

an FRC member, chairs the

ICAEW's financial reporting

group and must be a strong

future candidate for the

ICAEW presidency, although

he missed out in the first

election on the ladder and will

not try again next spring. Meanwhile, he still has a writ

out against Binder, technically

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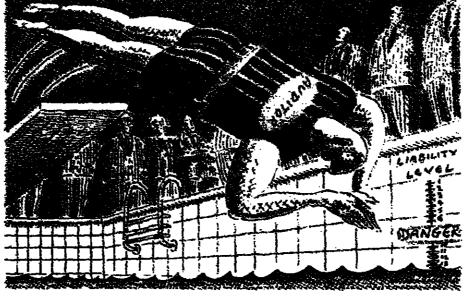
ships as well as damages.

Swinson says he viewed hav-

ing to go that far "with considerable distaste and re-

gret" and hopes to clear up the affair as soon as possible.

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after its own interests. It asked: Why should the negligent auditor be exposed to payment of the whole of the loss where much of the damage lies at the door of senior management of the plaintiff?". The financial apportionment of liability in this case should be determined next year. With luck, it will confirm a company's manage-ment and directors bear the greatest responsibility for its

A California Supreme Court decision in the Osborne case

HOW embarrassing. No

sooner had Coopers & Ly-

brand been chosen by the

European Community to re-

view the impact of EC policy

and legislation on sport than it

was thrashed 2-1 at volleyball

by a team of Brussels Euro-

crats. "We were going to play them at football but found

they had three professional

footballers in their team," says

Frank McFadden of the firm's

EC advisory unit in Brussels.

and still lost." McFadden, a

rugby player, aims to have the

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liable to their clients and known users of the financial statements they audit, not to third party investors. Otherwise auditors face claims disproportionate to fault, which could not "fairly be justified on moral, ethical or economic grounds". These judgments contrast with the alarming sit-uation highlighted in a rare joint paper by the Big Six US firms about the liability crisis there. This identifies a system of abuse in which plaintiffs'

made clear auditors were only

last laugh. "We'll play them at football, then rugby — any-thing until we win." And the

subject of the firm's initial pilot

study? Basketball.

A MAN on his death-bed asks his priest, his solicitor and his accountant to put £10,000 each in his grave so that he has something to get him started the next time round. At the funeral, the priest counts out £8,500. "Church repairs." he says sheepishly. "He won't miss it". The solicitor counts out £5,000. "Problems at work," he mutters. "He won't know." The accountant writes out a cheque.

lawvers frequently settle with prime culprits, who do not have a defence or much money, at a fraction of what they should pay, then pursue professionals for the balance, irrespective of their degree of In 1991 US firms spent 9

per cent of auditing and accounting revenue defending and settling lawsuits. The firms argue that the bad effects on auditing, financial reporting and capital markets are already evident and the joint and several concept imposes 'a tort tax" on US business.

There are few votes for legislators in reforms to help auditors. They may need to cap auditors' liability in relation to their fees, or allow them to agree a liability limit with each client, for the good of business as a whole.

The public may look for quid pro quos: more effective ways for auditors to provide timely warning of companies' future problems, or other extensions of their responsibilities. The Auditing Practices Board green paper suggests just such a wider role for audit, but that would not be feasible if it merely increased vulnerability to litigation.

The author is secretary of the Institute of Chartered Accoun-JON ASHWORTH | tants in England and Wales.

Mrs Antrobus would have felt quite at home

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ANYONE who wanted to see an example of how the present council of the English ICA is almost incapable of producing a swift and speedy decision on anything should have popped into the council chamber last week.

lad you picked up an agenda and taken a look at the main and meatiest item you would have applauded the recommendations which were laid out for all to see. At last the council was getting down to the heart of opening up the institute's procedures to the public. The issue was the central one for a profession the sometimes embarrassing but always vital procedure of disciplining members who have trangressed the profession's rules.

Everyone on council knows how important it all is. When you have been under attack for so long for appearing to ignore the public interest something like opening up the disci-plinary procedure will win many plus points. The first recommendation before council was the matter of "giving support to fuller

reporting of disciplinary cases". As the rest of

the documentation made clear, "at present it is often difficult to get a clear picture of the case from brief reports which merely recite the terms of formal complaints which have been found proved and details of the orders made". Anyone who has ploughed through the arcane announcements of the disciplinary committee knows full well that "opaque" would be a mild criticism of them. As it happened a fuller statement on one particular public interest case had been issued the week before. This related to the proceedings against Michael Jordan and Richard Stone of Coopers & Lybrand

over alleged conflict of inter-

est in taking on the Polly Peck administration. This stated plainly both men had been fined the maximum possible amount and both had "failed without good reason" to follow the relevant ethical guidance. It also, for the first time, provided extracts from the chairman's summing up. This revealed the conflict of interest "would have been apparent to you at an early stage had you taken proper steps to consider the position' and "there has been no satisfactory explanation" for the information which they had set before the court prior to their appointment as administrators "being so inadequate".

This is precisely the sort of information the public ought to be learning when members of the profession receive a dressing-down from their peers. The second recommendation was that hearings should be open to the public if the accused requests it or if "the case involves a matter of public concern". For a committee which sought to exclude one of its members from the Jordan and Stone hearings this is brave stuff. Needless to say, this was where the council's feet began to grow cold.

The result was a labyrinthine debate of counter-amendment after counter-amendment and confusion on confusion. At one point what had been a good, though lengthy, speech from Douglas Liambias was interrupted on a point of order from the vice-chairman of the Conservative party. Tim Smith wanted to know if the president knew of any procedural device which would curtail "a long, tedious and self-indulgent speech". The president did not and said he was himself

enjoying it, and so it should continue. In the end an amendment agreeing to pro ceed with the first recommendation but put the second on ice until the effect of the first could be analysed was passed. This may seem

mild. But is devastating. To open hearings to the public requires a change to the byelaws. This can only be done at a June extraordinary meeting and, if passed, then goes to the Privy Council for ratification. So the effect of a seemingly innocuous and cautious amendment means public hearings are unlikely to become reality before 1995. As one council member remarked later, the decision-making process re-minds you of wading through four-foot snowurifts. This would be all very well if we were dealing with the parish council proceedings in

The Archers and the biggest worry was Mrs Antrobus' amnesia over the proofs of the church magazine. But we are not. We are dealing with Europe's biggest professional ac-

counting body. Next month the council meeting forms part of a three-day council conference. As a matter of great urgency the council should dust down last vear's rejected Green report on the institute's structure and implement it forthwith. Never mind it reforms it out of existence by passing power to a slimmer executive council while it becomes a twiceyearly advisory conference. The point is not to have a bit of a chat over amendments, it is to give the public, and other members of the profession, some measure of confidence in the profession's actions.

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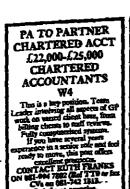
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Northern Ireland charities are not registered—
there is no provision for this. For tax purposes charitable groups can seek recognition with the Inland Revenue. but it will no longer divulge whether a charity has been so recognised. The Northern Ireland Council for Voluntary Action, itself a charity, produced a

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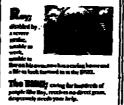
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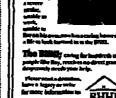
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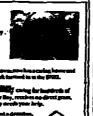
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Andrew Woodall as Marcel, a flamboyant transvestite, at the Royal Court Theatre Upstairs

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Shirley Bassey: the singer was the subject of flowery tributes at an Albert Hall concert



CINEMA: Geoff Brown reviews Macaulay Culkin as the little boy in peril (again) in Home Alone 2: Lost in New York

Mack is back, on the same old track

Home Alone 2: Lost in New York, Odeons Marble Arch, West End (PG) Into The West, Odeon Haymarket (PG) Elenya, Renoir (PG) Traces of Red, MGMs Oxford Street, Panton Street (15)

ust before Macaulay Culkin prepares himself for his final showdown with the comic villains of Home Alone 2: Lost in New York, he utters something hig and important. "You cammess with a lot of things," Mack says with the implemental Mack says, with the implacable force of a four-foot John Wayne, "but you can't mess with kids at

The film-makers themselves break Culkin's Law by stretching the year's chief seasonal entertainment to two hours: don't they know the capacity of excited little blad-ders? Yet in most respects, kids get what they seem to want: a copy of the original plot: a resourceful hero who shouts "Yikes!"; extreme vio-lence with paint cans, tool chests. staple guns and bricks; the same jokes thumped home four times. But in two weeks in North America this film took \$78 million at the

Before, Mack got left in Chicago while his large, noisome family whizzed off for Christmas in Paris. This time they are Florida-bound; but straggling Mack mistakenly boards a plane to New York. carrying his father's wallet. Ensconced at the Plaza Hotel, he meets old foes Joe Pesci and Daniel Stern, bringling crooks who plan to snatch the takings at Eddie Bracken's twinkling toy shop. The crude. laborious finale takes place in a relative's empty brownstone house, undergoing renovation.

John Hughes, the writer-producer, and Chris Columbus, the director, show considerable gall in copying so much of the original, clearly cast as window dressing for with only a few fringe diversions, the American market. So why keep (such as Tim Curry's snobby continuous) the hidden for 50 minutes, and compall but what most cast adult. teeth arredge is the film's sticky. Sheridan's script keeps the plot dollop of sentiment, which first hidden, too only after a flurry of with strong British participation, lands on veteran Eddie Bracken's scene-setting do we settle into the though the principal backer was head and then falls upon poor main drama of Ossie and Tito, the the American company Miramax. caught in hesitations, gestures and and her vulnerable German soldier. James Belushi, Hollywood's dullest

Brenda Fricker - making an un-wise Hollywood debut as a homeless Pigeon Lady who tells the tyke to follow the star in his heart. The

perfect moment to head for the exit.

Luckily, Into The West whisks us off the sequel treadmill. When did you last see a magnificent white borse kicking through the walls in a Dublin tower block, or eating popoorn in a cinema? When did you last catch that sultry sizer. Ellen you last catch that sultry siren Ellen Barkin at a dingy chip shop, head bundled up in a scarf. American vowels wrapped in a Celtic lilt? No pigeon-hole suits this flawed

but ultimately engaging film, writ-ten by Jim Sheridan, the director of My Left Foot. It is part children's adventure, part revamped Western, part social drama and part Irish whimsy about Tir na nOg. This is a white horse that gallops forth from its undersea home to befriend two children of a former gypsy (Gabriel Byrne), who is lost to his tribe in a grim Dublin flat, consumed with grief for a long-dead wife.

A lesser director might have capsized under the script's burden. but Mike Newell (a late replacement for Robert Dornhelm) takes everything in his stride. Newell turned on the gentle charm for Enchanted April, then let loose the dogs of war in the Labour party's election broadcast about Jennifer's ear. Here he comes through smiling, helped by American cameraman Tom Sigel, who views the Irish landscapes with a fresh eye.

Barkin's contribution is curious.



Old comic foes reunited on new territory: Macaulay Culkin with Joe Pesci (centre) and Daniel Stern in Chris Columbus's Home Alone 2: Lost in New York

children, striking out into western Ireland on their magic white horse, with father and a nasty police chief

Ciarán Fitzgerald and Ruaidhri Conroy, as the boys, are accomplished child actors; perhaps Conroy veers too much towards the conte. But the film largely avoids the bog of sentiment, and the plot gains strength as Sheridan and Newell create a twilight world

Steve Gough's Elemya, set in rural Wales, was made for £700,000 with British and German resources, but largely shot, for tax

shelter reasons, in Luxembourg. We get our money's worth, though. This is a film of great beauty, simplicity and emotional resonance. On the surface, not a huge amount happens: a lonely Welsh-Italian girl, farmed out to an embittered aunt in the war, be-"comes intimate with an injured German airman she finds and

eye movements. Luckily, Gough cast as the heroine Pascale Delafouge Jones, a 12-year-old girl of Welsh and French parents, with a rare ability to make visible her

Gough avoids the visual excess to which many first-time directors succumb. He selects images with care, extracting full value from the exploding plane seen from Elenya's bedroom window, or the blood that drips mysteriously from a forest tree. High-contrast photography

can barely communicate through words, while aunt Maggie (played a little too broadly by Sue Jones-

Davies) only snaps out complaints.

Elenya is co-produced by the
British Film Institute, often the champion of the over-ambitious or wilfully obscure. But Gough's film is refreshingly direct in style and appeal: ends and means fuse.

And less, please, of Traces of Red, a potboiling thriller best left for video fiends. Who wants to drag keeps secret in the woods. The key adds enormous atmosphere to a themselves out on a cold night, slap drama occurs inside the characters, film with little dialogue; for Elenya down £6, and get nothing but

leading man, droning through a stupid Palm Beach caper? Life and money are just too short.

Belushi plays a hardboiled, hard-living detective, investigating the murder of flirtatious girls. There is one chief due: anonymous leners from the killer, typed on a damaged daisy-wheel printer, sealed with "Ruby Red" lipstick. Lorraine Bracco and other suspects swirl like bears around honey. But for all we care the villain might as well be the Third Bystander on the Right. This nonsense hails from Jim Piddock (writer) and Andy Wolk (director):

CINEMA: David Robinson on a silent film classic, to be screened on Sunday with a new musical score

Saint reborn from the ashes



Jeanne (Renée Falconetti) has her hair cut before being executed burning at the stake.

n the recent ten-yearly poll to nominate the world's ten best films La Passion de Jeanne d'Arc figured at sixth place in the critics' list, ninth in the directors' selection. Over the decades Carl Dreyer's 1928 masterpiece has swing dramatically in and out of critical fashion.

As part of the Scandinavian season, the Barbican is showing an original print of the film, accompanied by a new live orchestral score by Ole Schmidt. The print was first screened in Britain at the Cambridge Film Festival in July, but on that occasion with an electroacoustic score, by Arnaud Petit, which failed to win approval from our critic, Geoff Brown.
The film has no parallel, either in

stylistic austerity or emotional force. It relates the events of the last day in the life of Joan of Arc, ending with

Dreyer abstracts the psychologi-cal drama from its physical surroundings. We are never conscious of the whole geography of the rooms in which the events take place - only the faces of Jeanne

and her persecutors, generally shown in extreme close-up. Dreyer was born in Copenhagen in 1889. A varied career as cafe pianist, book-keeper, journalist and balloon pilot eventually led to directing for the cinema. His early films were intelligent, with exceptional psychological insight, but in no way promised the singular

Dreyer's reputation led to an invitation from the French Societé Generale de Films, committed to art film production, to make a

personality of this.

picture about some character from French history. Jeanne d'Arc had become a topic of interest following her somewhat tardy canonisation by the Vatican in 1920. (Shaw

wrote St Joan in 1924.) Dreyer laboured over his film for two years. Remarkably for a silent picture, La Passion de Jeanne d'Arc depends on dialogue: titles and images are juxtaposed with confident rhythm. The script was based on the original transcript of Jeanne's interrogation.

The stark, white settings, with

their geometric, even Expressionist, forms, were designed by lan Hugo. The actors - who included the young Michel Simon and Antonin Artaud - were chosen for their faces. Dreyer permitted no make-

up: the unsparing close-ups reveal every pore and blemish. As Jeanne, Dreyer cast a well-

known stage actress, the Corsicanborn Renée Falconetti. This was the only film role she ever played; but it was to make her one of the great screen icons. Regarded as temperamental and difficult, she nevertheless submitted to having her head completely shaved for the last scenes of the film (Dreyer shot the film in continuity).

Falconetti was described as "an actress of genius but no patience". Her career did not last long after Jeanne d'Arc, and in the late Thirties she retired to Buenos Aires where she died in 1945, at 53.

The film itself was not lucky. A

satisfactory.

death in 1968, a perfect, original print - apparently a copy submitted to the censor - turned up in the attic of a mental hospital in Norway. It proved to be markedly different, in the choice and length of shots, from the versions that have circulated for most of the past 60 years; and it is this, "authentic" version that will be shown at the Barbican.

negative was destroyed in a fire. Drever had to reconstruct his film

as best as he could, from out-takes

that were often, sadly, less than

A decade ago, long after Drever's

Ole Schmidt's new score is said to be inspired by Gregorian church music, and uses a Jeanne leitmotif which is performed both by orches tra and solo soprano.

● La Passion de Jeanne d'Arc is at the The film itself was not lucky. A Barbican Cinema 1 (071-638 8891) on few months after the premiere, the Sunday at 2.30pm

Irek may step out with Bolshoi again

WILL Irek Mukhamedov, the one-time"star of the Bolshoi Ballet who is now a Royal Ballet principal, be lured back to perform with his former company when the Bolshoi plays its mammoth Albert Hall season in London next month? That is the tantalising possibility held out by the British promoter, Derek Block The Royal Ballet, as you know, don't perform on a Sunday and the Bolshoi at the Albert Hall will," says Block. Trek and Yuri Grigorovich. the Bolshoi's artistic director, are very old friends and I'm sure they would want to express that closeness while the Bolshoi are in London at such

a prestigious event." During his time at the Bolshoi. Mukhamedov certainly added lustre to Grigorovich's most famous ballet, Spartacus. But other Bolshoi-watchers believe that, contrary to Block's belief, there is little love lost between the veteran Bolshoi chief and the dancer who turned his back on the company. The timing of Mukhamedov's decision to quit the Bolshoi — on the eve of a big American tour — still rankles in Moscow.

are locked in competition



again, this time over which city gets the proposed Nat-ional Gallery of Scottish Art. Yesterday the trustees of the National Galleries of Scotland announced a shortlist of two possible sites, one from each city. Both would be converted 19th-century buildings: the Sheriff Courthouse in Glasgow, or the Dean Centre, once an orphanage, in Edinburgh. Furious lobbying has already commenced.

Bunny business

BUGS BUNNY has finally earned a place of honour in the Library of Congress. His 1957 cartoon, What's Opera, Doc. joins 24 other new recruits to the Library's National Film Registry, an in-creasingly edectic list of films chosen for their "cultural, historical or aesthetic significance". A hundred titles have now been registered; the goal is to ensure their future preservation. Bugs's new bedfellows include Laurel and Hardy (the 1929 short Big Business),

W.C. Fields (The Bank Dick). D.W. Griffith's still inflammatory 1913 classic The Birth of a Nation, and Edgar G. Ulmer's cult B-movie De-tour, a hitch-hiked journey into paranoia, made in a week with a stationary car and a back-projection screen.

●THE new Henry Moore Sculpture Institute is to open in April next year, tying in neatly with the centenary celebrations of the city in which it is sited: Leeds. Designed by the architects Jeremy Dixon and Edward Jones, the £5 million centre has been created out of three 19th-century wool merchants' houses in Cookridge Street,

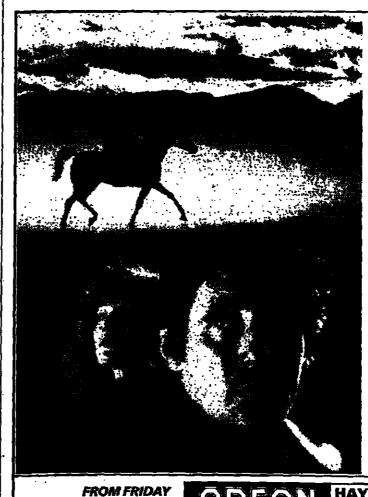


Irek Mukhamedov: the chance of Bolshoi reunion

and will be linked by bridge to Leeds City Art Gallery. The Henry Moore Foundation which spends more money on supporting contemporary vi-sual art than any other private British foundation - commissioned and paid for the insti-tute which will honour Moore's connection with Leeds, where he studied. An exhibition of Romanesque sculpture will open the institute's gallery.

Last chance . . . HAVING vacated his post as a

founder member of the most commercially successful and flamboyantly debauched rock in roll band of the Eighties, Izzy Stradlin has proved that there is life after Guns N' Roses. Along with his dependable blues-rock band, the Ju Ju Hounds, Stradlin is in Britain for the second time this year to promote his debut album. A new single, "Shuffle It All", is released to coincide with dates at the Town & Country in Leeds (0532 800 100) tonight; Middlesbrough Town Hall (0642 245432) tomorrow: Barrowlands, Glasgow (041-226 4679) Saturday: and Town & Country, London NWS (071-284 0303) on



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MAYERLING: A rare chance to see the superb Stephen Jefferies in one of his fines roles: the doorned Crown Prince fluidoif in Machillant's sensational belief of sex and death in turn-of-the-century Austria. The fine Lesley Collier is his mistress Mary Vetsers. mistrase Mary Vetsera. Royal Opera House, Covert Garden, WC2 (071-240 1068). Tonight, 7 30pm.

ARDITTI STRING QUARTET: The quartet accompanied by piantst Claude Heliffer perform a selection of chember music by the Greek composer lannia Xenakis, who celebrated his 70th ASIENS, mai constant to football this year Purcell Room, South Bank, SE1 (071-928 8800) Tonight, 8pm.

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ORCHESTRA: The orchestra under
Stephen Cleobury, with boys from
King's College Cambridge and the
Carrbindge University Musical Society,
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and Hazel's Christmas Medlay.
Festivas Hall, South Bank, SC1 (071928 8800), Tonight, 7,30pm.

ROBERT LEVIN: The pranist performs ala in B flat on fortepiano. en Etizabeth Halb, South Bank, London SE1 (071-926 6600). Tonight, 7.450m.

☐ ANNIE GET YOUR GUN: Irving Berlin's pre-feminist musical is no model for a Ninebes woman but the songs are samply terrific Prince of Wales, Coventry Street, W1 (071-893 997) Tues-Sat, 7-30pm, mats Thurs, Sat, Sun, 3pm 160mms.

NASSASSINS: Sondheim's sharp and successful musical explores the impulse that drives no-hopers to kill American Presidents. Parament Presidents.

Donatter Warehoutse, Eartham Street, WC2 (071-867 1150) Mon-Sat, 7:30pm. mats Thurs, Sat, 3pm. 105mms.

☐ HAY FEVER: Very lumy performances (not always where you expect) in Coward's excellent comedy. Albery. S. Martin's Lane, WC2 (071-867 1115). Mon-Sel. 8pm, mets, Trurs,

ELT RUNS IN THE FAMILY: Larks in the hospital common morn, matron outraged; doctors fluremosed. Ray Cooney farcs with lots of laughs. Psykouse, Northumberland Avenue. Playhouse, Northumberland Avenue, WC2 (071-839 4401), Mon-Fr. 8pm, Sat. 8-30pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat. 5-30pm. ☐ AN IDEAL HUSBAND; Anna Carterat, Hennah Gordon and Martin Certeret, Hernrein caucate dealing" Shaw in Wilde's "Insider dealing" melodrama. Some dered assumptions

but stylistly done. Globe, Shahasbury Avenue, WT (071-494 5065). Mon-Set, 7.45pm, mats Thurs, 3pm, Sat, 4pm. 185mms.

☐ JUNE MOCN: Naive songwriter conquers 7in Pan Alley, Delightful comedy by Ring Larcher and George S. Kaufman. Fine cast led by Adam Godley and Frank Lazarus. Last week Vaudeville. The Strand, WC2 (071-836 9387). Mon-Sal, 7.45pm, mat Sal, 3pm [] KISS OF THE SPIDER WOMAN:

Tremendously glossy production of the Kander & Ebb musical. It coarsens the values of Manuel Puig's novel but Chita Rivera makes a striking vamp. Shaftasbury, Shaftasbury Avenue, WC2 (071-379 5399), Mon-Sat, 8pm, mats Wed, Sat, 3pm, 160mans. LOST IN YONKERS: Tenfic

performence by Rosemary Hams in a Netl Simon comedy more weighty than peromenze oy rooserrary reams in a Nell Simon comedy more weightly than usual. Maurean Lipman gives good value as a loopy aunt. Straind, Aldwych, WC2 (071-930 8800). Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mars Wed, Sat, 2.30pm, 160mins.

 DEATH BECOMES HER (PG):
Mervi Streen and Goldie Hawn battle to Meryl Streep and Goldie Hawn battl attain eternal youth. Ice-cold black comercy, usumany examples by special effects. Stars Bruce Willis; director, Robert Zemeolds. Emptra (071-497 9999) MGM Baker Street (071-935 9772) MGM Pulham Road (071-370 2638) MGM Trocadero (071-434 0031) UCI Whitheleys (071-792 3332)

NEW RELEASES

ELECTRIC MOON (15) Pradio Krishen's botched setire about Western tourists fed a phoney version of Indian MGM Parsion Street (071-930 0631) Electric (071-792 2020)

SLACKER (15): College-age layebouts in Austin, Teras, vent crazy thoughts on file, the Smurts and UFOs Straing debut by film-maker Richard Linklater, with an amateur cast

◆ THIS IS MY LIFE (12): When a single parent becomes a top comedierine, what happens to her two needy kids? Parchy cornedy with tears. Chelizee (071-351 3742/3743) MGM Tothyriham Court Road (071-636 6148) Screen on the HM (071-435 3366). THOUSAND PLECES OF GOLD: Adventures of a Chinese girl (Rosalind Chao) sent to a Gold Rush mining town. Slickly packaged mush: an American TV movie witt large. Director, Nancy Kelly National Film Theatre (071-928

CINEMA GUIDE

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V BEAUTY AND THE BEAST (U).

Stephen Rea, Forest Whiteker, Jaye Davidson, Miranda Richardson, Curzon Phoenix (071-240 9661) MGM rtust (071-839 1527). HUSEIANDS AND WIVES (15):
Woody Alien's best film in years, a
lacerating tale of collapsing New York
mamages. Stars Allen, Mila Famow, Judy

Davis, Lem Nescon, Juliette Lewis Berbicam (071-638 8891) MGM Pamicon Street (071-930 0631) Milo (071-235 4225) Odeons: Keneingi (0426 914566) Mezzanine (0426

BRADFORD: The Albambra has the TODAY'S EVENTS berubrichts; Britain to 17 years by the Hederlands Duns Thister, one of Europe's foremast contemporary dance companies. For the past 14 years, the company has been directed by the Czechoelovalean-born Jin Kyllen, widely regarded es one of the finest contemporary choreographers. See the A daily guide to arts and entertainment complied by Heather Aiston ORANGERIE ITALIANA 1982: Now in its third edition, the Orangerie Italiana is the only tair in Britain devoted to Italian works of art and antiouties. Come an eview of the first programme, below

dealers which part in what is, in effect, a semantic exhibition, the whole thing being specially designed for the grand interior of the Accademia. Works on view

range from antique sculptures and medieval fluminated manuscripts to

19th century paintings. . Accademin Italiana, 24 Rutland Gate, SW7 (071-225 3474). Mon-Fri, 11am-7pm, Sat-Sun, 11am-8pm, until Dec 18.

7pm, Sat-Sun, 11am-6pm, until Dec 18. MISSERY: Sharon Gless plays Annie Wiless, the obsessed fan of Paul Sheldon, a romantic novelist played by Bit Patemon. This new play, a psychological timiler, is based on the book by Stephen King that was turned into a mamorable film two years ago Criserion, Piccadilly Carcus, W1 (071-839 4488) Previews from bonight, 8pm, Mon-Set, 8pm, mats Wed 3pm and Sat 4pm, opens Dec 17, 7pm.

GURLDFORD: Continuing its tour of the country Travelling Opera will perform its new production of East's Camina directed by Peter Knapp and Mozart's Don Governs. Yvernine Armand, Millbrook, (0483)

Don Gevenni. Yvonne Arnaud, Milbrook, (9483 80191), Don Gevenni, toright, 7.45pm. Carmen: tomorrow and Set, 8pm.

THEATRE GUIDE

Jeremy Kingston's assessmen of theatre showing in London

House full, returns only Some seats available Seats at all prices

🖸 murder by Misadventure

Gereid Harper and William Gaunt play crime writers who lell out and put their wicked with against each other: run-of-

Whitehall, Whitehell, SW1 (071-667 1118). Mon-Pil, 8pm, Set, 8:30pm, mets Wed, 2:30pm, Set, 5:30pm, 120mms.

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Waterhouse's play about a menopausel male's intatuetion with a young women. Neathy done shough we only hear the man's point of view Apollio, Shaftesbury Avenue, W1 (071-

Apollo, Shafesbury Avenue, W1 (071-494 5070). Mon-Fri, 8.15pm, Set, Born and 8.45pm. 135mms.

□ RADIO TIMES: Tony Statlery in a fun trip down Memory Lane, set in wartime Broadcasting House, bursting with sprightly Nool Gay numbers. Oueen's, Shallesbury Avenue, WI (071-494-5040). Mon-Fri, 7.30pm, Sat, 8pm, mats Trure, 2.30pm, Sat, 4.30pm.

THE RAPE OF TAMAR: Theatre

8pm, met Set, 4.30pm 145mms

Manoeuvres' widly staged and spinghilly version of Tirso de Molina's account of incest in the House of Dawd.
Lyric Studio Hammarsmith, King Street, W6 (081-741 8701), Mon-Sat,

S THE RISE AND FALL OF LITTLE VOICE: Alson Steadman and Jane Homodis in Jim Cartwright's play about

a stry girl escaping her raucous mother.

IN THREE BIRDS ALIGHTING ON A

revivel of this subte, come state-or-the-nation play, set in a world of shifting values and plummeting art-prices. Royal Court, Stoane Square, SW1 (071-730 1745). Mon-Sat, 8pm, met Sat,

FIELD: Harriet Walter perfect again in

wal of this suitide, corner state

Ingenious but increases. Aldunych, Aldwych, WC2 (071-836 5404). Mon-Sat. 8pm, mat Sat, 4pm

REGIONAL

Altrambra, Morley Street. (0274 752000), tonight-Sal, 7.30pm

GHLBNGHAM: Despite the Royal Shafespeare Company's failure to find a sporsor, the regional bour of Richard III, directed by Sam Mendes and starting Smon Russell Beale as the hunchback Black Lion Sports Centre, Glingham Black Lion Sports Centre, Glingham (0834 853784), tonight-Sat, 7,30pm, Sat mat 1,30pm Braintree Leteure Centine, Brantree (0376 552080), Dec 15-19, 7,30pm, mat Wed, Sat, 1,30pm.

GLASGOW: Carol Kidd and Georgie Passe perform in Glasgow, Edinburgh and Aberdeen this week. Carol Kidd, lamous for the befall singing style end Georgie Farrie, the veteran RTG and George Harte, an elegistant in the entra soul singer, combine to sing jezz backet by David Newton on plano, Dave Graen on bess' and Alan Genley on drums. City Hall, Canderigos, Glesgow (041-227 551 ft; binight, 8pm, Queen's Hall, Cent: Street, Edinburgh (931-668 2019). Inmorrow, 8.30pm. Risule Hall, Union St, Aberdeen (9224-641122), Sat. 8pm. BIRMENGHAM: The lorner Blue Mink songstress, Wadelike Bell, is in residence at Flonnie Scott's for two

Rownie Scott's, Broad Street, Birminghem (021-643 4525), tonight-Dec 19, 9,15pm.

☐ THAVELS WITH MY AUNT: Smort Cadell, John Wells, Filcherd Kans, Christopher Gee play all 20 parts, male and ternell, in Gles Havergal's manyellous adeptation of Graham

Greene's novel.

Wyndham's, Charing Cross Road,

WC2 (071-867 1116), Mon-Fn, Bpm, Set.
8, 15pm, mats Wed, 3pm, Set, 5pm. TRELAWMY OF THE WELLS*
Sarah Binghaman and Michael Hordem
head the cast in Pinero's engaging
comedy about theetre tolk in mid-

Victorian London.
Comedy, Parkon Street, SW1 (071-857-1045). Previews from Tues, 7.30pm; opens Dec 7, 7pm; then Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, mats Wed and Sat, 2.30pm. ☐ WEXFORD TRILOGY: Bity Roche's ☐ WEXPORD TRILLOGY: Bity Roche's affectomete, sad, come trilogy (separate plays, connected in mood) Tonight. Poor Beast in the Rain. a man who took a inend's wife off to England returns affer han years. Tomorrow, Belliny: a gentle excession lails in love with smother man's wife.

Bush, Shepherds Bush Green, W12 (081-743 3388). Tonight, tomorrow.

LONG FIUNNERS: D Blood Brothers: Phoenx (071-867 1044) D Buddy: Victors Palace (071-854 1317) ... Carmen Jones: Old Vic (071-928 7616) ... Cats: New Landon (071-405 0072) ... The

(071-836 7611)... Si Les Missimalies: Palace (071-434 0909)... Si Missimalies: Salgons: Theatre Royal, Druy Lane (071-494 5400)... If The Mousetrap: Si Martin's (071-891 1443)... If The Phantom of the Opera: Her Majesty's (071-494 5400)... If Return to the Forbidden Planet: Cambridge (071-379 5299)... Si Startight Express: Apolio Victora (071-828 8865).

The Woman in Black: Forture

(071-836 2238) Ticket information supplied by SWET

◆ THE LAST OF THE MOHICANS

ic novel, director Michael Mann. Madeleine Stowe, Russell Meens.

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Geoff Brown's assessment of

v BEAUTY AND THE SEAST (U).
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Whiteleys (071-792 3332).

A THE COVING GAME (1818-180. ◆ THE CRYING GAME (18): IPA gunnan becomes obsessed with a hostage's gritnend. Bold, powerful Neil Jordan film that fafters at the close. Stars

Whiteleys (071-792 3332)

O CF MUCE AND MEN (PG):
Stainbach's classic Depression tale of frendship and innocence, John Malkovich as the slow-wited Lannie, director Gary Sinise as his protector Smyle, sturdy and moving.
Curson West End (071-439 4805)
MGM Futham Road (071-370 2636)
UCI Whiteleys (071-792 3332). SISTER ACT (PG): Whoopi SISTEM ACT (FG): Whoop:
Contrived but disarming, warm-hearter
comedy. Maggie Smith as the Mother
Superior Director, Emile Ardolino.
Cazaden Parkersy (071-287 7034).
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THEATRE: Benedict Nightingale on a bewildering and bleak vision of New York low life

A walk on the very wild side

YOUNG people should think twice before taking their parents to see Phyllis Nagy's play. It contains loud rock 'n' roll, some fairly robust lesbian lovemaking, a male prostitute who touts for custom in a ballgown on New York's West Side Highway, and what appears to be the end of the world. Fortunately, it is also short enough to be over by 9pm, which as everyone knows is the time when the older generation comes out to play. Its capacity for corrupting the elderly and innocent is therefore limited.

What is the object of it all? Well, the author, a runner-up in the Mobil Playwriting Awards announced last week, is a New Yorker who now lives in London. Her play involves gay subworlds and has a self-consciously finde-siècle, even fin-de-millennium feel to it. It is a fairly distant runner-up to Tony Kushner's Angels in America in what might be described as the Apocalypse Awards.

At its centre is a murder. Outgoing Jimmy is pressing shy, reclusive Natty Weldon to go to a party peopled by, as he puts it, "sweaty men, pressed together, dancing for joy". Time and place are not always very clearly defined in Penny Ciniewicz's production; but the two men's argument appears to be occurring in the street and is interrupted by a stranger who may be homosexual but is certainly homophobic. "I came out for a little sceniery and all around me are faggots," he tells Simon Gregor's Natty: at which Paul Viragh's Jimmy pluckily intervenes, only to be stabbed to death by a mad-eyed Matthew Wait.

Mostly, the play involves the witnesses of this casual and, I must say, vividly evoked atrocity. Watching from a

Weldon Rising Theatre Upstairs Royal Court

window are Rosie Rowell's butch Jaye and Melee Hutton's more demure Tilly, lesbian lovers subsisting on the beer they can steal from supermarkets. Cowering on the ground is Andrew Woodall's Marcel, a flamboyant transvestire tart who speaks of himself in the third person only. But the most stricken is obviously Natty, who spends the rest of the evening forlornly plastering his torso with eau de cologne and accusing the rest of himself of

A bit later the murder is restaged. this time in a way that leaves Natty looking a bit less passive and feeble. Presumably, this is his fantasy rather than objective fact; but, again, neither Ciniewicz's direction nor Nagy's script is very clear on the matter, and probably they are not meant to be. A kind of imaginative wildness verging on craziness rules. I should have mentioned that the play occurs during a heatwave in which temperatures rise for no evident reason from 130 degrees to 170 and finally to 200: at which point cars explode, bridges collapse. characters melt, and Jimmy appears from the grave to lead Narty through the map of Greenwich Village that hangs beside the stage.

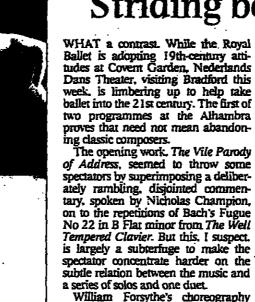
The intention is presumably to surprise, disorientate, unsettle, perturb, discombobulate, and so on In that, the play certainly succeeded - but why, to what end, and with what profit? Frankly, I am still wondering.



Apocalypse already? Simon Gregor (Natty), Andrew Woodall [Marcel]

DANCE: Four contemporary works in Bradford and (below) a familiar staple of the repertory at Sadler's Wells

Striding boldly towards the future



The opening work. The Vile Parody of Address, seemed to throw some spectators by superimposing a deliberately rambling, disjointed commen-tary, spoken by Nicholas Champion,

on to the repetitions of Bach's Fugue No 22 in B Flat minor from The Well Tempered Clavier. But this, I suspect. is largely a subterfuge to make the spectator concentrate harder on the subtle relation between the music and a series of solos and one duet. William Forsythe's choreography

pulls, pushes and tweaks classical ballet movements into shapes that turn in, stretch out, distort expectations (for instance, a man, in a duet that begins with nudging hip to hip, seems more concerned to deposit his partner on the floor than to support her). This is a

Nederlands DT Alhambra, Bradford

beautifully calm, controlled piece that proves the extreme technical skill of the dancers, however much they refuse to swank about it.

Jiri Kylian's Six Dances closes the programme with a comic flourish, to Mozart's German Dances K571. Much of the action, for eight dancers. is broad and fast, highly inventive, full of assaults, alarms and absurdities, in a world where powdered white wigs do little to mask man's animal nature.

Between these works came two more. by Kylian, both to modern scores. Falling Angels sets nine women moving to Steve Reich's Drumming/Part One, performed with emphatic power by Circle Percussion, a group of four men led by NDT's managing director. Michael de Roo (he is a musician by choice, an administrator by circum-

Reich's inspiration was Ghanaian percussion rituals: Kylian's seems to be

"primitive" dances in which the vivid rhythmic patterns are built on gestures. facial expressions and hints of underlying tribal meanings. This work and Six Dances were the two big his. cheered to the echo. Lukas Foss's Orpheus and Euridice.

in the version for two solo violins and ensemble, is the musical starting point of As if never been, which allows a guess at the identity of the plack-clad leading couple, who are at times both united and separated, across the stage. by a red cord. Behind them, enthroned on up-ended gigantic human ligures, sit five observers who appeal to judge and find them wanting.

But a fast sequence of putterned, synchronised, old-fashioned mime gestures is perhaps there mainly to warn us against literary interpretation; simply accept the work's dark, brooding imagery of doorned passion. Like the whole evening, it is superbly danced. reticently but aptly costumed, imaginatively lit. Welcome back, NDT; don't leave it so long next time.

JOHN PERCIVAL

No surprises as young love runs its predictable course rigidly that different stagings find little scope for variation. And without a high-voltage spark of inspiration the ballet becomes a predictable procession I UIIS 11

sonably lavish. The leaden choreogra-

phy, though, would make John Ma-jor's metoric seem high flown. counterbalanced the clay of her chore-ography by pouring herself heart and

Perhaps as an expression of confidence in its improving standards, the company fielded a home team for the opening night of its Sadler's Wells

season, rather than the many guests (such as Bryony Brind and Mark

Romeo and Juliet Sadler's Wells

Silver) scattered throughout later

performances. As Juliet, Kim Miller ography by pouring herself heart and soul into the role, offering touching sincerity rather than fine-etched nu-

ance. Her first encounter with Romeo

jolted her almost instantaneously into

being a solemnly passionate adult. Before it, she had inhabited flippant

girlhood, reacting to meeting Paris with a flurry of giggles — of coyness presumably, not amusement at the square fur jacket and tights that transformed poor Dincer Solomon into a cube with less His Paris

transformed poor Dincer Solomon into a cube with legs. His Paris, however, all stiff postures and florid gestures, hardly provided the answer to a girl's romantic dreams.

Paul Thrussell was a boyishly earnest Romeo, hopelessly in love and elegant in his dancing. Victor Barykin made a wooden Tybalt; Jack Wyngaard, always stylishly virtuosic, a dashing, charming Mercutio. Daryl Griffith conducted the London Ballet Orchestra in a thin account of the sorre tra in a thin account of the score.

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More than bodies in the library

The popular image of the librarian is decades out of date. **Alison Roberts** speaks up on behalf of a silent minority

peracles, thinning hair or a Skirt or tweed jacket crushed at the dbows - this is the public image of a public librarian, and it is not omplimentary. Surely they must be shy, retiring people? After all, they have to keep quiet all day. The very word "bookish" is almost synonymous with "boring". And nowacays the phrase "blue stocking" only refers to female librarians. Where does this prejudice come from? A new book by two French authos, Renée Lemaitre and Anne-Mari Chaintreau, attempts to explain But along the way, Drôles de Biblithèque (Cercle de la Librairie, Paris)also discovers that librarians in films and books are as often ravishing blondes, philanderers or advenurers as they are dusty bores.

When the young, female librarian shake down her hair she becomes an obect of lust. Her man may be ready to corrupt her, but she tames him; he tivilising power of books and a good woman combined are all it take. High heels may not be condurive to climbing step-ladders in order to trawl the shelves, but Carok Lombard manages magnifi-cently in No Man of Her Own. simulantously getting her book and Clarl Gable.

Librarius in pulp romance are similarly glamorised. Barbara Pym's leid in An Unsuitable Attachment is the librarian daughter of a canon who marries the handsome 10-loper, much to her father's chagen, t all works out, naturally, and they drift off into a fictitious sunset ir a world where public libraries sock nothing but romance.

Katharne Hepburn and Bette Davis an librarians of a different order. More heroine than eventual femme fitale. Davis subverts the submissive, public-serving female role by refusing to censor the contents of her library. Alicia, Davis's character, wields authority rather than Ibrary stamp in the 1956 film Stom Centre. She will not comply vith a request from city officials to withdraw a book and is heroically dismissed, to go for a

more interesting job perhaps.

Herburn has some stereotyped difficulties with a 1957 version of the "new computer system" in Desk Set. Sie overcomes them, of course, with elp from Spencer Tracy.



Spencer Tracy and Katharine Hepburn in Desk Set: in literature and the cinema the librarian is either depicted as boring, or glamorised beyond recognition

Hepburn and Davis are almost revolutionary librarians, a far cry from the Ronnie Corbett character in the sit-com Sorry!, who made Library Association members angry. Ross Shimmon, chief executive of

the LA, says that real librarians are hard to come by on television and in films. "The character in Only Two Can Play, based on the Kingsley Amis novel, is slightly better and much more interesting. But you can't call his sexual harassment a good example," he says. Peter Sellers plays the hero in the

1964 film. He teeters on the edge of an affair with the wife of the library committee, only to decide against it Although male librarians are a lesser breed on the screen, they

at the last moment. Too exciting. generally suffer more than women at the hands of the image-makers. While women are supposed to enjoy

serving and keeping quiet - Anita

Brookner's librarian in Look At Me virtually mothers her readers - men are more likely to resent being at the public's beck and call.

Gérard de Nerval called the librarian's service "paternal selfabnegation", but it is Philip Larkin, poet and librarian, who really does for the male version. His contempt for books, his bitterness and malice may have come from being shut in with so many volumes for so long. Or at least that is how one critical refrain runs. Men in libraries are commonly perceived to be bachelors, with an old-aunt image and baggy cords. Meanwhile, Joe Orton famously defiled library books with obscenities in a rebellious rejection

of the stuffy library atmosphere.
For the Library Association Shimmon maintains that libraries are now exciting places, humming with computer terminals. But in fiction they can also be filled with more frightening noises — the scream of a murder victim for example. In The Widening Stain, written in 1942 by W. Bolingbroke Johnson, the crime takes place in the library aisles and it is the librarian herself who plays detective (with her mind "admirably indexed").

n The Spy Who Came in From the Cold, John Le Carré portrays a malicious old librarian who delights in tormenting the young heroine. The schoolmarmish image and the often sexless atmosphere of a library in fiction is ill-thought out, according to the Library Association. School libraries may not be much fun - in Barry Hines's Kes the librarian is a tyrant. But, in real life, college libraries are places of high drama where notes are passed and relationships formed.

librarians with which children come into contact in adult or teenage novels are dour, sometimes cruel characters, those in books written for children are more fun. Far from tying readers down to a desk and a worthy tome, they introduce the under-13s to the world of books where the imagination can run free.

Some are found disappearing into books themselves in a selfreferential exercise worthy of Jacques Derrida. In Steven Kellogg's children's book The Mysterious Tadpole a map found on the shelves leads the child reader, together with the librarian, to buried treasure and piratical adventure. So the function of the librarian in

books and films depends on the anticipated audience. Television librarians are often more stereotypical than those on film. Popular soaps and sit-coms depend far more While those tall, domineering on the joke and the cartoon.

NEW MUSIC

Firsts from the **Finns**

ike much new music in any country, most Scan-Idinavian contemporary music will probably prove ephemeral. But the two recent works by the Finnish composers Magnus Lindberg and Kaija Saariaho, heard at The Place in the first concert of a week of contemporary music under the banner of the "Tender is the North" festival. deserve a longer life and a wider circulation.

Saariaho's piece. Amers, a joint commission from the Barbican and IRCAM in Paris, was receiving its first performance. Any objection to the fact that the week's artistic director was programming her own work was banished by the quality of the music.

The piece employs a new amplification technique developed at IRCAM, which dedicates a single microphone to each string of the solo cello, superbly played here by Anssi Karttunen, and projects the sound to four different loudspeakers.

This was impressive, tough music. Its title is French for "navigation beacons". There was a vastness and a mystery about it connecting it to Sibelius, however different the language. The work's inner motion derived largely from sounds enveloping and overlapping each other.

Listening to the work as a study in colour was probably the best approach at first meeting, yet one was conscious of the sense of organism behind it. Each instrumental element - soloist, small ensemble and computer-generated sounds - constantly tugged at the others, pulling them from their intended paths.

"Popular perception tends to lag

behind the reality by 20 or 30 years.

It is often easier for comedy writers

to refer to the myth rather than

think it through from their own

librarian imagery provides an inter-

esting insight into our relationship

with books as much as with the people who fetch them for us. To be

that closely associated with books, without actually writing them, is

scorned. But close proximity to books and knowledge should make

one more rounded: the opposite of a

bore at parties. Our perception of

the librarian may reflect a wider anti-intellectualism. Reading

should not be a substitute for living.

but librarians and people who go to

libraries do both. Perhaps it is time

for Harrison Ford or Tom Cruise to

play the adventurous male librarian

who is proud of his job.

Nevertheless, the rich stock of

experience," says Shimmon.

Lindberg's Joy. composed for a larger group in 1989-90. proved an apt complement. In its multifarious activity there is an underlying, binding eu-phony; sometimes the harmonies become quite bluesy. Colour is again an important element.

Avanti!, the chamber ensemble formed by the Finnish conductors Esa-Pekka Salonen and Jukka-Pekka Saraste in 1983, played both works under Saraste's direction with considerable flair.

STEPHEN PETTITT

TELEVISION REVIEW: Tony Patrick on The Blackheath Poisonings

Arsenic and seltzer on the frocks

hour television adaptatim of Julian Symons's novel. The Blackheath Poisonings, which concluded last night on ITV, was at the same time congested and padded out Perhaps, apart from being inevitable when a Brit-ish mir series is a collaboration with an American partner (Central Films and WGBH Boston, in this case), that was an additional period touch, the clutter of the Victorian domestic interiors being extended to the screenplay.

The gaping holes in the plot, inconsistencies of style and simple anachronisms are less easy to excuse or explain, but this was, at the very least, a beautifully costumed entertainment Jenny Beavan, an Oscar withner for A Room with a View, was responsible.

As the various suspects and also-rans glided through the immaculately scruffy streets of a recreated south-east London, 894-5, or across the carpets of the eerily American Albert /illa, one's doubts about the lialogue were repeatedly ecinsed by astonishment at the efinement of detail in the nourning dresses (and, for nat matter, the morning

The cast, like the screenplay, vas extravagantly good in sme respects, curiously weak

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Paul (Christien Anholt) and Isabel (Christine Kavanagh)

in others. Judy Parlitt's basi-lisk-like Charlotte, head of the Collard household, was the summit of perfection; Donald Sumpter's Inspector Titmarsh - learing and fidgeting like a late-Victorian Columbo, or Ken Campbell overdosing on smelling salts — was the slough of Coarse Acting.

Between those extremes lay a slippery slope of thespian endeavour, on which the likes of Zoe Wanamaker, Ian McNeice, Patrick Malahide and James Faulkner struggled within the constrictions of their thinly written characters. The prominence of young

Paul Vandervent (Christien Anholt), son of the first poison victim and step-grandson (!) of the second, was rather too obviously an acknowledgement that an American audience needs a young prota-gonist, but the actor did well.

Similarly, Christine Kavanagh as Isabel carried the story (and the burden of assumed guilt) with great conviction, but the attempt to make her a spokeswoman for Free Love and Being True to Yourself was taken too far. It is a actress that she was able to retain both our sympathy and somehow crucial at every turn.

As to who actually dun it. well, unnaturally enough, it was the transvestite George (McNeice). Epicene, gross and vicious as he was supposed to be. McNeice could hardly help seeming more decent and human than he should have been, particularly when seen alongside Sumpter and Malahide, whose characters lacked only speech bubbles to become truly two-dimensional. Blackheath itself was filmed

very carefully to avoid any visual intrusion from the 20th century, but director Stuart Orme was less scrupulous about excluding present-day atti-tudes and behaviour. The dia-logue skipped alarmingly from erch authenticity to modern sloppiness, further distorted by the need for keeping the plot on the move without showing every scene from the novel.

Among the incidental delights were Ronald Fraser as the dangerous Doctor Porter and lan Bartholomew as the perfidious butler, Jenkins. Kenneth Haigh and Colin Jeavons, the opposing counsel at Isabel's trial, were sadly not allowed to expand on their briefs, but Nicholas Woodeson made a considerable impact as tribute to the skill of the the sanctimonious and ineffectual Bertie, peripheral but

POP: Alan Jackson has his emotions professionally stirred by a veteran drama queen

he problem facing most of those sitting within dashing distance of the stage vas a taxing one indeed: when to place that bulky, cellopane-wrapped bouquet until iniriey Bassey took the stage. For fans who had chose floral tributes containet within bowls or wicker baskes, it was tougher still. Bob seneath your seat to sweer it up at a moment of high dama and a dozen other zealot will have beaten you to the fodlights. Nurse it on your knee ind you can no longer hurral or swoon over the opening bars to, say, "New York, New York" or "He Was Beautful" with quite the same degre of abandonment as

Eact man — for they were all men, some middle-aged

Fantasy blossoms

Shirley Bassey Albert Hall

but more often young and very carefully dressed — dealt with the dilemma in his own way. One thing is for sure though: a Bassey tour must rival St Valentine's and Mother's Day when it comes to keeping Britain's florists in full fiscal

bloom. No sooner had she stalked on stage to a gladiatorial fanfare and whipped through a clipped, camp "Goldfinger" than the first blossoms began to fall at her feet. And by the time she had dabbed the tears away from her eyes at the close of George Harrison's "Something", only her third number, the stage resembled New Covent Garden market in full swing,

That she arouses such passion is hardly news - Bassey has long been the most stylised of singers, a true drama queen. Her devotees, one can sense, believe her to be the most creative of interpreters but she is not. Though her voice remains solid and steady, there was an element

of pantomime to this show. The emotions she showed us were big and colourful and, as such, often hugely enjoyable. "I Who Have Nothing", for

such breast-beating relish that it could have been lifted from the pages of a Greek tragedy. But although this bravura display fitted her stage persona to perfection, it told us disappointingly little about the woman inside, and self-revelation was limited to a gown as diaphanous as the wrappings around the tide of flowers by now lapping her toes.

Four decades into her career, Bassey could be described — and kindly — as a self-parody. But so forcefully does she live out the fantasies of her audience that here, in one of six Albert Hall appearances ending a British tour, one applauded her instead as the glamorous epitome of certain old-style, strangely no-



A good honest and painful sermon on Samuel Pepys

Richard Luckett

THE OTHER PEPYS

Vincent Brome

Weidenfeld & Nicolson, £20

S amuel Pepys has been hav-ing a had press, both on the political and the domestic fronts. Sir Arthur Bryant entitled the third volume of his immensely popular biography of Pepys The Saviour of the Navy, and at that point deemed it unnecessary (apart from a perfunctory epilogue published many years later) to continue his labours. Pepys, as Clerk of the Acts to the Navy Board from 1660. and from 1683 as Secretary of the Admiralty (an office effectively of his own creation) had both ensured the survival of the English navy and laid the basis of its future development, and thus of the two hundred years of British Imperial hegemony that command of the seas ensured.

On the contrary, say recent naval historians: Bryant and his prede-cessors were bemused by Pepys's own propaganda and by the accessibility of the highly selective holdings of his library. By so assiduously backing the "tarpaulins" (profes-sional sailors of humble birth usually with Commonwealth connections) against the "gentlemen", Pepys could well have been doing his country a disservice.

The domestic roughing-up has been altogether cruder. The Diary of Elizabeth Pepys, supposedly the journal of his wife, is a clumsy and smutty fiction, vaguely feminist in its motivation. But it has fooled a surprising number of people, in-cluding earnest postulants for doc-

Vincent Brome's The Other Pepys is also a revisionist account. It sets out to be a biography which does not "burke the darker issues".

The gravamen of the charge is that Pepys was a "skilled hypocrite"; he practised double standards in many areas". A compulsive womaniser, he watched his wife's every movement with jealous eyes. A fierce critic of corruption in the navy, he nevertheless acquiesced in accepting bribes. He allowed his private business concerns to take precedence over the king's affairs. He lied to parliament. He sold two negro servants into slavery. He lied to his wife and he blacked her eye. His scientific and philosophical pretensions had no real basis in

knowledge or understanding.

Brome's account is revisionist in other respects. "In 1662 Mrs Pepys discovered - with dread foreboding — that she was pregnant again. On 23 February 1633 Samuel Pepys was born." One's natural impulse is to ascribe this remarkable assertion to the proof-readers at Weidenfeld, until one reads in the same paragraph that "churches proliferated everywhere and church bells were a constant background to Samuel's childhood". This is a view of the Civil War period which is hard to reconcile with historical

One's doubts become even more concrete when one gathers that Magdalene College, Cambridge, "adjoins Trinity Hall" (they are over a quarter of a mile and a river apart). One also reads that on May 26, 1659 Pepys was in "Plymouth Sound" bearing a message to his

master Montagu from the Com-mittee of Public Safety (he was actually some 900 miles away in The Oresund, between Elsinore and Halsingborg, which puts quite a different complexion on his experience of the sea before he began the diary in 1660). The battle of Bergen in 1665 was a naval and diplomatic own-goal of baroque complexity, but if you think the forts that fired on the English fleet were Dutch you are manifestly adrift.

Thomas Ken was a saintly man whose hymns are still sung; it is not good enough to make him "Thomas Kerr" when he sailed with Pepys to Tangier and later on, without apparently realising that the same person is involved, to fail to see how his friendship complicated Pepys's attitude to the trial of the seven bishops of whom he was one. Despite his name, Pepys's domestic musician.

And do not be too excited by news of a hitherto unknown collection of Pepys's Occasional Papers'; what Brome is referring to is an anthology of papers read by members of the Samuel Pepys Chib.

effective devil's advocate. He seems quite unaware of the naval reassessments by David Davies and by Sari Hornstein, and it is hard to think of

sustainable allegation he makes that has not already been concisely adumbrated in Richard Ollard's recently reissued biography. Anything might have happened had Elizabeth's diary come his way.

But the reality is that Brome is not really a devil's advocate at all. He consistently pulls his punches. He promises to translate, for the first time, Pepys's records of his sexual encounters, written in a macaronic jumble of French, Spanish and Latin. This jumble is absurdly transparent and, of course, appears in full in Robert Latham and William Matthews' edition of the Diary. The prurient will be disappointed. His samples are scanty and, for his purposes, inadequate; the most disturbing passages are passed over in silence.

So, too, with the possible charges of corruption. It would be possible to construct a powerful case for collusion between Penys and the naval architect and ship-builder Sir Anthony Deane, endeavouring to

the benefit of doubt. But on his

dosing page, he finally acknowl-

edges what he often seemed earlier

to resist: that though the king was a

man of deep principle, he was "no politician". Charles, he says, be-lieved that some principles were worth adhering to, whatever the

political consequences - and Sharpe's final sentence is: "And.

well, he may even have been right."

questions of conscience and ethics on which this holds. But principles

of that importance surely do not

include the refusal to reach an

accord on the more or less worka-

day questions of interest which

originally separated Charles from

his padiaments. He was a much-

goaded ruler in difficult times, but

the business of a political leader is

There are, of course, some great

charges, but never presses them home. What is even more surprising is that a writer who has concerned himself, to much more effect, with Freud and Freudians, should fail to comment on those aspects of his subject's character which a Freudian could hardly fail

to diagnose as anal-retentive.

It is good to have been spared that. But we are not spared Brome's remarkable inconsistencies. One of his grouses is that Pepys was a personal friend both of Locke and of Newton, yet failed either to record their conversation or to "evaluate" their work. This is scarcely surprising. There is no evidence that during the ten years in which he kept his diary Pepys met either of them, but this information is withheld from Brome because he believes that the Latham-Matthews edition of the Diary consists of ten volumes: acquaintance with the eleventh, the index, would have served him well.

Beyond that, why should Pepys have done what none of his contemporaries could do, and "evaluate" their work? His name is on the title-page of Newton's Prin-cipia; as President of the Royal Society he gave it his imprimatur. His fellows in the Society did not elect him to that post because he could rival Newton's mathematics. but because he knew what they

Given such a shaky grasp of his subject. Brome cannot be a very country. Brome touches on the his last years, Pepys, as Brome tells his last years. Pepys, as Brome tells us, "pushed speculative enquiry into fields closely familiar to modern thinking". His notes on religion II don't appear have this in what gion (I don't agree, but this is what Brome says) "foreshadow fie thinking of Darwin and even Wittgerstein". He was, in the end a "complex, deep-thinking person, giving compassion its appropriate place". You know, kind of,

caring". Bryant's Pepys was a giantour ised portrait, excellent from a factual point of view but couring a whiff, or more, of Bay Rum. Frome tries for Brylcreem, but fails. Jryant marvellously glossed over epys's failings — which we know only as a consequence of his indisoctions about himself. Brome, who ets out to show Pepys as something of a rotter rather than as a bit of a rip, fails to support his own, not unsustainable, cause. The julicious Ollard is an admirable antiote to both though of the two only Bryant need be taken seriously 1 m not sure whether to ascribe the poetic justice that finally overtakes prome to him or to his publishers. mong the illustrations, he or the have confused Kneller's portrait of Pepys with Riley's of Sir William Oventry. This book is about a achrane a

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Nobody has put the case for Charles I better than Kevin Sharpe, but Ronald Butt is not persuaded

Cesare Morelli, was a Fleming, not

an Italian. Pepys did not go to

Spain armed with a "smattering

of the language; he knew it well.

udged in the light of precedent at the time, the political objectives of Charles I hardly seem inordinate. He wished to rule within a balanced constitution, as he understood it, which not only included parliamentary consultation but also maintained the royal prerogative of a dynasty with an indefeasible right to the throne. His predecessors would have claimed no less. Yet the end was civil war and the judicial assassination of a king who, more than most, held the disinterested ideal of ruling in his subjects'

interest. Why? The Commons did not deliberately seek to become a political opposition to the crown under the first two Stuarts. Nor did the Stuarts initially see parliament in those terms. They accepted that its normal historical role had been to support the crown. Indeed, Charles I began explicitly as a friend to parliaments. At the end of his father's reign, he had both formed an alliance with parliamentary opinion in favour of war with Spain against James's policy and had encouraged the impeachment of the Treasurer, Lionel Cranfield, despite James's prescient warning that he was making a potential rod

for his own back. - Yet within four years of becoming king. Charles had fallen foul of three parliaments and from 1629 to 1640 he reigned without one. But

were his 11 years of personal rule a tyranny? Did he want to do away with parliaments altogether and change the order of anogemer and change the order of government? What use did he make of his power? And were these years an absolutist seed-bed for the civil war which was to destroy him? These are the questions that Kevin Sharpe sets out to answer in

an impressive book which provides the most intensive scrutiny yet directed at these controversial years. It is so densely packed with supporting detail that parts of it are not easy going for the general reader, though its discussion of the main characters and their motives is rivetting on any level of interest. Its evidence will remain an invaluable contribution to Stuart studies. But opinions will differ about some of the conclusions he draws.

In 1629 Charles insisted that he had decided "unwillingly" on the "interruption" of parliaments and Sharpe begins by establishing that the king had no wish to abolish parliaments altogether. His princi-pal reason for the "interruption" was parliament's failure to acknowledge its reciprocal duty by supply-ing sufficient taxation for the French and Spanish wars for which it had once clamoured. He had even been refused the life grant of tonnage and poundage (customs duties) enjoyed by his ancestors and had been obliged to raise it without

parliamentary sanction. At the same time, the yield from conventional parliamentary tax-ation had fallen drastically as a consequence of deliberate under-

his sparkling study is both a fascinating biography and a pertinent reminder of the past instability of Eastern Europe. Zamoyski rightly sees his theme, the destruction of Polish independent

dence, as of relevance today. Po-

land had been the most powerful

Christian state in eastern Europe.

Polish troops had occupied the Kremlin, while the state had stretched from the Baltic nearly to

the shores of the Black Sea and

from the Oder to the eastern

constitution, with its elective mon-

Inside King Charles's head

1628/9 offered nothing but a battery of grievances about the war and attacks on his friend and minister, the Duke of Buckingham. What Charles wanted was a period in which he could improve both the revenue and the condition of the national defences. He saw the "interruption" of parliaments as sanctioned by "necessity" in an emergency. (There had, after all, been many such long periods of intermission in the past.) Given time and reforms, he declared, his people would "see more clearly into our intents and actions". He would then be "more inclinable to meet in Parliament again".

The intentions were good; but his concept of Necessity lies at the heart of conflict. He did not seek to be an absolute ruler but he did believe in THE PERSONAL

CHARLES I

By Kevin Sharpe

Yale University Press, £25

his God-given authority to be the judge of what Ne-cessity required. He wanted parliamentary consultation, but believed it should leave him

with the last word. He failed to see that a ruler who insists on the uncompromising last word risks disobedience. He began by making peace with

France and Spain, and as trade France and Spain, and as trade grew in consequence, the yield from tonnage and poundage rose sharply, providing the bulk of his revenue. A more powerful peace-keeping navy was built up and paid for by the much maligned Ship Money. Old feudal devices for raising money were revived. The revenue was so successfully rebuilt that Sharpe comments that "had Charles not fought two campaigns against the Scots and lost, whatever against the Scots and lost, whatever his desires, he would have faced no necessity to call a Parliament".

Sharpe makes a good case for the constructiveness of Charles's personal rule. A man "obsessed with order and morality", the king was himself the dominant political force in three years. Sharpe convincingly contests the view that he was lazy in government business, arguing persuasively that the king, not Laud, was the prime mover in his ecclesiastical policy and that neither the ecclesiastical Court of High Commission nor the Star Chamber was unjust or tyrannical (except in the ear-cropping of Burton, Bast-wick and Prynne).

Attempts were made to reform local government, deal with poverty

essment. Yet parliament in and at the centre of a seemly and artistic court, seemed to symbolise his paternalistic ideal for his relations with his people.

Yet the end was disaster, and the doubts arise, not from Sharpe's account of the years of personal rule, but from his insistence that they should be largely disconnected from the Long Parliament's post-1640 onslaught against the

England, rather than to the centrality of religious questions. Yet but for Charles's over-confidence, bred during the Eleven Years, that army would never have been in England. And it was surely the seeds of resentment against "Arminianism" that were sown in the 1630s which prevented the English of all persuasions from combining

to drive the Scots out after 1640.



Roundhead and cavalier, adieu

By Charles Carlton's figures, the Civil Wars of the mid 17th century were the most traumatic event in British history. Some 85,000 Englishmen died in battle, and roughly another 100,000 from war-related disease. War killed almost 4 per cent of the English population during the 1640s and 1650s — a greater proportion than either world war. Even if some of Professor Carlton's wilder estimates need to be taken with a large pinch of salt (such as his assertion that 41 per cent of Irishmen perished as a result of the wars), the character of those years emerges clearly enough. War ravaged the three kingdoms with a ferocity and ubiquity which - with the possible exception of the Blitz -

it has never done before or since. Yet in the minds of contemporaries, the experience of war was registered not in bland statistics but in snapshots of memory and the sharply etched images which emerged from the anarchy and confusion. Carlton's book is an anthology of these moments, tragic, comic, horrific, by turns. There is the melancholy Charles I after the battle of Edgehill, contemplating the mound of corpses where the royal standard had stood; the high comedy of the terrified Sir Walter Erle, at the siege of Corfe Castle, dressed in a bear's skin, crawling on all fours desperately trying to be

mistaken for a large dog.

And there are the inevitable horrors of war: moments such as the Roundhead desecration of Sir Charles Lucas's family vault during the siege of Colchester in 1648. breaking open the tombs and dismembering the corpses in an obscene act of revenge. Drawn from diaries, journals and memoirs, these vivid images shine through an often lacklustre narrative like so many bright sixpences in

Carlton's pudding.
The problems with this book go deeper, however, than its unlustrous prose. For one thing, Carlton is not good at dates. He reschedules, for instance, the 1643 battle of Hopton Heath, the Uxbridge peace negotiations of 1645, and the final departure of troops from the royalist capital, Oxford. One outstanding own-goal is his account of the shooting of Prince account of the shooting of Prince Rupert's poodle, supposedly during the battle of Naseby in 1645, for Carlton himself reproduces a con-temporary woodcut which makes it abundantly clear that the incident took place during the battle of Marston Moor in 1644.

Indeed, some of the events in Carton's narrative never happened at all. The royalist general, Lord Capel. is made to die "before a parliamentary firing squad" — a fine Hollywood ending but, alas, quite untrue. Nor was there any "surrender" of Hull; as every schoolboy once knew, its stalwart garrison remained parliamentari-an throughout the war. And even

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GOING TO THEWARS The Experience of the British Civil Wars 1638-1651 By Charles Carlon Routledge, £30

the commander of he king's bodyguard at Edgehill, Lord Bernard Stuart, is unaccountably confused with Lord Berners - the later novelist and composer of schres for the Sadler's Wells Ballet Company. Continuing the literary pene, it is James Joyce who appears at the head of a company of Rundheads to arrest the king in 1647.

Moreover, for all this book's stories and anecdotes - real and imagined — its judgments are banal. "Leaders are not supposed to be passive but active." "A good sermon could whip up martial ardour." "Being cannonated was, however, not much für." Such observations jostle for space with inspired malapropisms. Dill manuals are crammed with 'classical with the man who wields i, Carlton describes the head of one unfortunate royalist earl being cleaved open ... with a halberdie".

Such absurdities apart, he major problem with this book is not its apses of fact but its fulings of sensibility. For the experience of war to be made comprehensible. there must be an engagement not merely with what soldiers did, but with the ideas and political culture of mid-17th-century England, which informed the way they thought about and reaced to the traumas and challenge; of war. One must enter their imaginative world, a world where the experience of war was not just defined by the realities of muskets and musters, but was refracted through the prism of religious zeal, historical myth and political principle.

Recapturing this existential dimension is difficult and easive. But too often Carlton reduces the elusive to the anachronistic. Thus when a sense of the sagredness of the parliamentarian cause prevents Lord Brooke from employing mer-cenaries within his troop, Carlton describes it as a matter of "snobbery" — a grotesque distortion of the 17th-century code of honour.

So this is a stimulating but deepy flawed book. It can be read — and read with profit — for the witness of contemporaries, and the fingy cadenced prose in which they speak But this anthologising is property of the profit of the standard o enough. Central to the expenere of the civil wars was their impact in imagination and memory, is e-forging of minds and mentalities, its competing visions of a com-monwealth" fashioned anew

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Descent of the Polish state into partition

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THE LAST KING OF POLAND By Adam Zamoyski Jonathan Cape, £25

archy and Diet that required unan-

Ukraine. In the 17th century Riga, imous voting, made it difficult for Smolensk and and Kiev had all any monarch to increase his power been Polish, but with the Third and compensate for the weakness Partition in 1765, Poland became of the central government. Rulers a geographical expression. were obliged to win the support of Zamoyski attributes much to at least some of the greater nobility. and of their private armies, adminstrative systems and patronage networks, the source of most aristocratic power and religious bigotry, both of which, he argues. led the state to fall so far behind her power in the state. This process neighbours that only a miracle involved the kings in struggles among the nobility, while the could have saved her. The Polish

nobles search for patronage and support was not constrained by national boundaries. They were willing to seek and accept foreign, principally Russian, support.
In combination with Russia's

overwhelming military strength, this situation ensured that the last Polish king, Stanislaw Poniatowski, had either to cooperate to compete with his former lover. Catherine the Great, to whom he owed the throne, if he wished to rule. The young Stanislaw had been secretary to Sir Charles Hanbury Williams, a syphcharles Flanbury Winiams, a syptilitic cynic who, as British ambassador in St. Petersburg, had encouraged his young protégé to become the lover of the then Grand Duches in 1755. Catherine was married to the borrish Grand married to the boorish Grand

Duke Peter, who preferred drilling soldiers to either his wife or his mistress. Peter discovered the affair in 1758 and Stanislaw returned to Poland to pursue a political career. In 1764 his election to the Polish throne was secured by troops sent by Catherine, now Tsarina in her own right after the death of his mother-in-law Elisabeth and the murder of her husband.

Poniatowski sought to reform the constitution and to strengthen gov-emment institutions, but his schemes eventually both helped to provoke foreign intervention and were vitiated by it. The establishment of a permanent council in 1775 increased the effectiveness of the central government. The police and the finances were reorganised in the 1770s and 1780s and Russian influence, clearly seen as a cause and consequence of Polish weakness, was rejected in 1788. The constitution of May 3, 1791 provided for a hereditary monarchy and a strengthened executive and abolished the need for unanimous voting. A large army was stipulated and local commissions were decreed in order to provide the basis of a stronger administration.

It is not clear how these changes would have affected Poland, but they were unacceptable to Catherine and Russian troops invaded in May 1792. The old divisive Polish constitution was reimposed by the Russians, but the weakness of Catherine's Polish protégés, Russian and Prussian desire for territory and their fear that Jacobinism would take root in Poland led to

partition in 1793. The rest of Poland became a Russian protectorate, the reduction of the Polish army helping to provoke a revolt in 1794. Its suppression was followed by the partition of the remaining territory in 1795. A depressed Satanislaw abdicated, and was obliged to add a phrase stating that he did so voluntarily. Catherine agreed that he could settle in Rome changed her mind and, before she died, ordered him to Moscow. Stanislaw spent the rest of his life in what Zamoyski terms "a marble gaol", treated with respect by Catherine's son Paul but kept in

When Poland fell the British were engaged in a desperate struggle with Revolutionary France. Yet four years earlier, the government

of William Pitt the Younge had nearly gone to war with Rusa in order to prevent her from taking gains in eastern Europe. Spiring the independence of a strong Poland was to have been alentral goal and Stanislaw was sen as crucial ally. At the last imment, with the fleet ready to sallor the Balting the accuracy to the sallor th Baltic, the government acked down. Parliamentary and opular criticism and division in thelabinet led Britain to abandon he allies, including Poland. The preign secretary, the Duke of Lets, resigned but Britain did norting,

The dimbdown was a corpust to the situation in 1939 when oland was last attacked and partioned. But the 1790s and 1939-4 demonstrate the same lesson: Britain could do little in eastern lurope, certainly very little without the assistance of powerful allies who had their own, often very different,

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she had been given the wrong baby the day after birth. The mixup was resolutely denied by mrses and by the other parents with a pigheadedness that defies beliefuntil one thinks of how much most people are in tonguetied awe of any medical personnel. and of how self-important those personnel can be. This was even more true in Nottingham in 1936. where the story of Margaret Wheeler and Bernard Shaw began.

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The Rylatts closed their ears to Margaret's entreaties, threats and carefully set out "proofs" of the girls' true icentities. By the time the girls were eight — both strongly resembling their natural parents -Margaret was desperate enough to write out of the blue to her hero, the 87-year-old George Bernard Shaw. hoping that he might turn the case into a cause célèbre.

In that she failed, but the last six years of Shiw's life were brightened by an on-paper flirtation with this bubbly, self-educated Workington housewife. He never actually met her but clearly felt rejuvenated not only by the bright-eyed, dimpled photograph she sent him ("As I guessed," he wrote gallantly, "a joyous cieature, a charmer) but also by her raw energetic intellect. They soon moved off the subject of the mixel children and onto wider problems of war, literature and chiefly - women and the eternal

Pygmalion Margaret Wheeler, left, was sure she had been given the wrong baby, wrote to Shaw and began a dialogue that fascinates Sarah Johnson

dilemma of home versus career. It is interesting to speculate that he may have seen elements in her of one of his own dramatic heroines. Here was an attractive and intelligent woman who used her wit to get round" men - but to satisfy the deep, animal desire to get back her own baby rather than for some intellectual purpose.

Early on Shaw warned her with relish that she was "what experienced men call a dangerous woman". Had he known (perhaps he guessed) that her first letter to him, enclosing a complete phonetic alphabet she had devised herself, was a calculated ruse using his hobby-horse of phonetics to get him interested in her and then in the mixed children affair, he would have been enchanted by the irony: the idea of a purely intellectual pursuit wrought by the thinker in Margaret into a tool with which to hook back the child yearned for by the mother in Margaret.

His advice to her over the baby business was more supportive than practical. The best thing he did for her was to urge "Mrs Twodimples" (only one of the names he gave to her) to exploit her literary talent in order to pay for someone to do her housework for her. She found housework dementing, especially in those post-war days of shortages and constant make-do-and-mend, and used Shaw as a wailing wall.

His side of the correspondence reads like the smoothly run-off sermons of a great, but very tired old writer. He often betrays wellmeaning ignorance of women's lives (and Margaret puts him right). She, on the other hand, put her whole soul into her letters. Few female writers can have described so honestly the way in which women are required to fulfil so many roles that they develop a kind of split personality.

She identified no fewer than self — the chief being "the rebel" and "the maternal one". She realised the real problem for intelligent, able women: that they are not unwilling prisoners in the home, rather that they love that home, and love caring for the creatures in it -"darning socks and making nice fruit pies" - but know they can do Chatto, £13.99

other things too. The denouement of the mixed children affair did not take place until the girls were in their twenties. Neither Shaw nor Margaret seems to have entertained the likelihood that the Rylatts were not just unreasonable but simply terrified of being forced to give up a child they loved. Nor did Margaret

LETTERS FROM MARGARET Correspondence between Bernard Shaw and Margaret Wheeler 1944-1950 **Edited by Rebecca Swift**

George Bernard Shaw aged 90 in 1946, the period when he corresponded with Margaret Wheeler

realise, it turns out in Rebecca Swift's interviews with her children, how much poor Valerie - pretty and graceful yet unwanted by both sets of parents - suffered for being the wrong baby. Margaret must have been a

Shaw is anything to go by. She specialised in debunking, with infuriating logic, the barmier of Shaw's socialist theories — euthainstitutionalised childrearing, the setting of 50 per cent quotas of women on all public bodies. In his new commentary on Shaw's political thought, Socialism and Superior Brains (Routledge, £35), the Australian critic Gareth Griffiths cites the Wheeler correspondence as typical of "Shaw's tendency to set himself up as an intellectual mentor". More often, the letters show Margaret pulling her idol off his pedestal for a good

trying mother if her criticism of

Big men have further to fall

ta Daly is an elegant stylist, but for all the cool assurance and gentle comedy of her writing, a desperate sadness lurks beneath the surface of her fourth novel, All Fall Down. At the heart of the book is the imperious P. J. McGuckian. He is a Dickensian grotesque -ludicrously tall with a shock of black wavy hair - who, unburdened by complexity, has accumulated a vast fortune from property development.

A paradoxical figure. P. J. boasts of his love for his wife, yet is gleefully promiscuous; he is quick to help out an old friend, now an Irish government minister who has become embroiled in an embarrassing sex scandal, but he never pauses to contemplate the reason for his son Aubrey's perpetual disenchantment. P. J. has immense strength of will, courage even, but like Lear "hath ever but slenderly known himself".

However, nemesis is stalking the land and when Aubrey returns from New York with Matt Savino, an Italian-American congressman with Republican sympathies, a chain of events is set in motion that culminates in the death of P. J.'s beloved teenage daughter Annabel.

Wittgenstein said that the body is the best picture of the human soul, and when we last glimpse a grief-stricken P.J., we are struck by the force of that observation. For here is a body, as P. J. falls to his knees with vomit seeping from his mouth in a "bitter stream of bile", that does indeed show us a picture of a human soul in torment.

Such remorse reveals a P. J. wholly altered: a man of disillusioned aspiration, humbled by suffering, brought low by folly. But unlike his unfortunate daughter he can find no release in death, for an omniscient voice warns us: "It will

take P. J. many years to die."

All Fall Down is a subtle, moving study of Irish family life. It is brightened by flashes of high comedy, and animated by lovely passages — Aubrey's spiritual awakening in New York, Annabel perched high in a tree watching the svelte Sean swimming illicitly in a pond on the McGuckian's country estate — which are propelled by prose that shimmers and basks in a sunlight of its own making.

B. Monkey charts the choppy waters of a destructively obsessive love-affair that begins with a stolen glance in a London gymnasium and ends in murder in a remote Yorkshire village. The novel is narrated by the eponymous heroine (B for Beatrice) and her schoolteacher boyfriend Alan, in a stream of alternating monologues. In a prose that is gasping and confessional, we are told of their sexual

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ALL FALL DOWN By Ita Daly Bloomsbury, £14.99 **B. MONKEY** By Andrew Davies Lime Tree. £14.99 THE END OF THE CENTURY AT THE END OF THE WORLD

fumblings in grisly detail; we learn of the streetwise B's delinquent childhood and criminal teenage years, and we are introduced to Alan's banal anxieties and creeping suspicion that B's past conceals secret too dark to name. The novel ends in a bloody ceremony of bullets as Alan is transported into a realm of moral deprivation.

By C. K. Stead

Harvill, £14.99

Andrew Davies is strong on atmosphere and the clawing claustrophobia of the lovers' world — a world of grimy bedsits, sweat and peculiar smells — is skilfully evoked. But one quickly tires of Alan's self-pitying attempts to fathom the mysteries that engulf him, and of the casual brutality of the self-affirming B's language, which leaves us yearning for a revitalising spark of humanity, a gesture of forgiveness, even a joke, to dispel

Despite its grandiose title, manifold subtexts and multi-voiced narrative, The End of the Century at the End of the World is a surprisingly accessible novel with an attractive central character. Laura Barber, an Auckland housewife and mature student, is haunted by lost time and memories of her love for two men, Dan and Maurice. During the course of her research she re-encounters Dan, reformed radical and jaded minister in New Zealand's dispirited Labour administration, and Maurice, Marxist and veteran of the Spanish Civil War, which forces each of them to re-evaluate those heady events of more than 20 years ago.

When Maurice dies, the distinctive moment of this elegiac novel seeks to discover abundance in loss, as Laura realises that her happiness can be won only at the expense of her marriage and the loss of her love for Dan.

Laura's journey into the past is melancholy, but the closing mo-ments of the book are harmoniously uplifting as Laura, striving to make defeat into a trophy, completes her monograph and, surrounded by her children, begins to

Paid to pontificate

eight warring personalities in her-

he newspaper columnist. le perches, squawking, prosite the editorial or tucked away on a features page, dispensing the sort of unbidden opinions o which, under any other circumstance, the only response would be Yeah? And who asked you, then? He stretches a single thought into a 1,000-word thesis and then, if the thought turns out to reach only as far as 900 words, contracts a year's worth of political debate into a five-line filler at the end. He manufactures a spiteful anger about a subject that, in truth, only mildy irritates him, or is suddenly lolerant of something which only a column or two ago set him ranting. Then, arrogance of all arrogances he has the columns collected irto a book and asks you to read them all over again.

Bernard Levin does his arro-gance like party trick. "Of all the heterosexual journalists in this country," he writes, "I think I have written more than any other in defence of homosexuals." And "Did we not cheer — I more loudly than anybody — when the?" Who Union began to crumble?" Who but a Levin would dare claim that none has written more in defence of gay; than he, or that no prisoner in some Siberian gulag whooped as

loudly at the fall of communism? There are times, I will admit, when I have found the weekly doses of virtuoso loftiness ("I will have you know that I am a Chevalier de la Confrérie des Taste-Fromages de France and I know a good cheese board when I see it") tiresome. I will have just calmed my spleen down from its reaction to one column when along comes the next ready to crank me up all over again. This is part of Levin's job: he wouldn't be doing it properly if he diluted his arguments with the equivocations that are allowed non-

But somehow it makes more sense as a collection. Two columns into the book and my spleen is already full and green: I have the point of Levin and can read the rest of the collection with a level head. I can note his majestic sweeps from the particular to the general and back again, his personalisation of some massively impersonal issue, his quirky dips from reaction into liberalism. More: I can enjoy his prose style. The modern columnist's style is to jangle the odd modern locution into something more formal. Levin does the trick with an older set of conventions. He is a Victorian prosodist who breaks into bursts of brassy Edwardian



Two pundits and one conduit: Levin, Waterhouse and Attallah

slang and you can almost see the quotation marks around any term coined later than 1962.

But if I find Levin's columns more attractive as a volume, I find Keith Waterhouse's make real sense only in their natural biweekly habitat in the Daily Mail. (In truth I preferred him in the Mirror: I've always had the feeling

John Diamond

IF YOU WANT MY OPINION By Bernard Levin Jonathan Cape, £15.99 SHARON & TRACY & THE REST By Keith Waterhouse Hodder & Stoughton, £13.99 OF A CERTAIN AGE By Naim Attallah Quartet, £15

that Waterhouse has never quite approved of the Mail's more suburban readership.)

Waterhouse is the writer's columnist. Nostalgia for cobbled streets. black-eye peas and tanners at sixpence each is every columnist's fallback at one time or another, but when Waterhouse does it there is no sense that it's through laziness or lack of a more topical subject. He's the best there is at the pettiness of bureaucracy, the lameheadedness of government, the foolishness of the punditatorial classes. Best of all are the characters he's established over the years - the

airheaded, nail-filing Sharon and

Tracy on reception, Messrs Brat-

wurst. Pommefrite and Fruitcake

homogenising away at the EC, our

political masters recast Clogthorpe District Council.

But here is the problem: one Sharon and Tracy in a while is fine for a column, but ten in a book makes for an eggy pudding indeed. If Waterhouse and Levin have an engaging arrogance, then Naim Attallah's skill is in his remarkable self-effacement. Attallah has interviewed 13 of

the great and the good (plus Diana Mosley who is neither). His tech-nique is one that is still pretty common in America but was last used regularly in this country by. I think, Minam Gross in The Observer some years ago, before the interviewer became the star of his own writing. Attallah's long interviews run as simple transcriptions: well-researched questions in italics, answers in roman type. There is none of that extraneous "as we sat in his simple but comfortable home or "her lingers clenched nervously", no descriptions of face or clothes, no interpretation of what the interviewee meant to say or what the interviewer thinks about what he or she did say.

It is a book that demonstrates quite conclusively that what the reader wants of an interview with subjects who really have seen the world change, even helped change it, is to hear their words. No interviewer on the subject of Lord Dacre's dress sense can be as compelling as Lord Dacre is on secret service recruitment or his part in the Hitler Diaries farce; no interviewer need give Lady Mosley any more than the short length of rope with which she hangs herself. Enoch Powell in his own swiftchosen, precise words says more about Powell than any newspaper biographer can and Attallah's great, if modest, skill is that he lets him do it. It is because of this and entirely to Attallah's credit, of course, that he would make a lousy newspaper columnist.

or the royal game this has been an annus mirabilis. Britain's Nigel Short advanced to the antechamber of the world chess championship (he plays Jan Timman for the right to challenge Kasparov next month). and Rip Van Winkle, alias Bobby Fischer, returned after 20 years to defeat Boris Spassky once again.

Already two books have appeared on the rematch. With Bobby Fischer: The \$5,000,000 Comeback (Cadogan, £8.99 paperback), Nigel Davies, Malcolm Pein and Jonathan Levitt queened their pawn just before Raymond Keene's Fischer-Spassky II: The Return of a Legend (Batsford, £9.99 paperback). The book by Davies, Pein and Levitt is cheaper, but Keene's is better value. He gives the scores of all previous games between Fischer and Spassky, and his notes to the recent match are fuller.

ot-pourtis of novels and short stories have a charm of their own; they allow the reader conveniently to explore a particular author's work or to dabble in a selection of work by different authors. Kingsley Amis's personal selection of short stories. The Amis Story Anthology (Hutchinson, £14.99), includes work by Kipling, Wodehouse and Chesterton, as well as science fiction by Brian Addis and H. Beam Piper.

As a light soufflé, there are always the dashingly plotted esca-pades of James Bond. A James Bond Quartet by Ian Fleming (Cape, £15.99) contains Casino Royale, Live and Let Die, Moonraker and From Russia With Love. If nothing else they provide good tips on mixing unusual, if dated, drinks and making approaches to implausible women.

If you wish to be the purveyor of high quality gloom, there are Charles Dickens' Christmas Ghost Stories edited by Peter Haining (Robert Hale, £14.95), illustrated with the original steel engravings. The Ruth Rendell Omnibus (Hutchinson, £15.99) contains three thrillers and provides chilling reading for a winter's evening.

More meaty are the collections of

short stories by William Trevor (The Collected Stories, Viking, £20) and Rebecca West (The Only Poet and other stories, edited by Antonia Till, Virago, £14.99). All the short stories of the Anglo-Irishman Trevor are brought together for the first time, offering different cameos of rural life, of middle-aged spleen, of Irish dilemmas. It is also the first time that West's short stories have been published together, although it is a

Collections of fiction and books on chess for Christmas stockings

Daniel Johnson

The upsurge of interest in the Fischer-Spassky rematch has prompted a reprint of the great American's book, My 60 Memorable Games (Faber, £7.99 paperback). This most arrogant of men includes several draws and even losses in his superb selection of games from 1957 to 1967. Unfortunately the book does not include the games he played en route to the world championship between 1970 and 1972. In the absence of

Fischer's own notes to those games (and the rematch), this book is all we have by the maestro, so it is a pity that the publishers have not bothered to translate the moves into algebraic notation.

Praveen Moman

pity that three have been excluded, on the questionable grounds of fashion and political correctness. More poignant memories are contained in Red Sky at Surrise by Laurie Lee (Viking, £16.99), his autobiographical trilogy: Cider with Rosie, As I walked out one midsummer morning and A Moment of War. In Lee's view, autobiography is a "celebration of life and an attempt to hoard its sensations... trophies snatched from the dark".

Two sets of novels provide some of the most enjoyable reading by modern women authors. Joanna Trollope's three most successful works - A Village Affair, A Passionate Man and The Rectors Wife - are published together in Joanna Trollope (Bloomsbury, £9.99). The Mary Wesley Omnibus (Macmillan, £15.99) presents her first novel Jumping the Queue, written when she was 70. It also includes the racy The Camomile Lawn, which brought Wesley wide recognition through Peter Hall's television series.

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Fischer's next opponent may be ed by their gender, both financially the Hungarian prodigy Judith Polgar, who achieved her aim of becoming a grandmaster a month younger than Fischer's record a year ago. Now 16 and still improving. Judith will be the star attraction at the Hastings premier tournament just after Christmas. She also has two older sisters, Sofia, an international master, and Susan, a grandmaster. The Polgar Sisters: Training or Genius? by Cathy Forbes (Batsford, £10.99 paperback) tries to resolve the

handed tutelage of their father. It is a good tale and Forbes tells it well enough, but when she revises the book, as she must soon, she should dwell less heavily on the theme of sexism. The truth is that the sisters' careers have been assist-

nature/nurture issue while chart-ing the rise of these dedicated

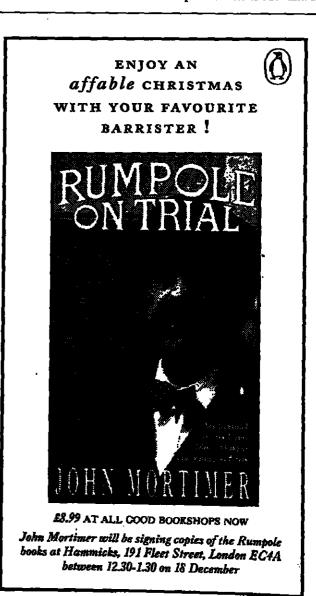
professionals under the heavy-

and competitively: organisers pay more for women who can bear men, and many men have underes-

imated them.

In the year which saw Nigel
Short defeat Anatoly Karpov,
Raymond Keene's concise biography of the best British player for more than a century is timely. Nigel Short World Chess Challenger (Batsford, £10.99 paperback) has a foreword by Dominic Lawson, editor of The Spectator and a learned kibitzer (old Yiddish chess jargon for... spectator).

Finally, the new edition of The Oxford Companion to Chess by David Hooper and Kenneth Whyld (OUP, £25) is the single most useful chess reference book now available. Minor inaccuracies apart, the only defect of this handsome volume is the lack of precise dates of birth and death.



Law Report December 10 1992 Court of Appeal

Withdrawal of medical treatment from hopeless case not unlawful

Before Sir Thomas Bingham, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Butler-Sloss and Lord Justice Hoffmann Judgment December 91

The withdrawal of medical care, including the removal of artificial feeding procedures, was not unlawful where the patient suffered from a persistent vegetative state from which he would not recover and where it was known that after such withdrawal, the patient would die

However, in a such case application should be made to the court to obtain its

sanction for the course proposed.

The Court of Appeal so held dismissing an appeal by the Official Solicitor acting on behalf of Mr Anthony Bland from Sir Stephen Brown, President of the Family Division (The Times November 23) who had granted declarations on the application on the Airedale National Health Service Trust, in whose hospital Mr Bland was a patient, that

(1) May lawfully discontinue all life sustaining treatment and medical support measures designed to keep An-thony Bland alive in his existing persistent vegetative state including the termination of ventilation, nutrition and

hydration by artificial means, and "(2) That they may lawfully dis-continue and thereafter need not furnish medical treatment to Anthony Bland except for the sole purpose of enabling Anthony Bland to end his life and to die peacefully with the greatest dignity and

Leave to appeal to the House of Lords

In 1989 Mr Bland, then aged 17, had been injured in the Hillsborough Stadium disaster, and suffering irreversible brain damage, had since then been in a persistent vegetative state (PVS).

In that condition he had no cognitive function, no sight, hearing, capacity to feel pain or move his limbs or communicate in any way. Unable to swallow, he was fed by naso-gastric tube. His bowels were evacuated by enema, his bladder drained by catheter. Repeated chest and urinary tract infections were treated by antibiotics. The consensus of medical

his improvement or recovery. Mr James Munby, QC, for the Official Solicitor, Mr Robert Francis, QC and Mr Michael R. Taylor for the health authority: Mr Anthony Lester. QC and Mr Pushpinder Saini as amici

THE MASTER OF THE ROLLS said that the case was not about euthansia, if by that was meant the taking of positive action to cause death. It was not about putting down the old and infirm, the mentally defective or the physically imperfect. It had nothing to do with the eugenic practices associated

vith fascist Germany.

The issue was whether artificial feeding and antibiotic drugs might lawfully be withheld from an insensate patient with no hope of recovery when it was known that if that were done the patient

would shortly thereafter die.
His Lordship referred to principles accepted by both parties that: 1 A profound respect for the sanctity of human life was embedded in our law

and moral philosophy.

2 It was a civil wrong, and might be a crime, to impose medical treatment on a conscious adult of sound mind without his or her consent: see In re F (Mental Patient: Sterilisation) [[1990] 2 AC 1]. 3 A doctor had to comply with such a patient's instructions as to treatment to be given or withheld in certain circumstances, whether such instructions were rational or not: see Sidaway v Governors of the Bethlem Royal Hospital and the Maudsley Hospital [1985] AC 871. 904-905) and In re T (Adult: Refusal of

Treatment) (The Times August 21: (1992) 3 WLR 782). That principle applied even if by the

4 Where an adult nationt was mentally incapable of giving his consent, no one, including the court, could consent on his behalf. Treatment could lawfully be provided by a doctor where it was in the natient's best interests.

5 Where the patient was a child and a ward of court, the court would itself decide, with appropriate regard to medical opinion, whether treatment was menical opinion, whether treatment was in the patient's best interests: see In re B (a Minor) (Wardship: Medical Treatment) (1981) 1 WLR 1421); In re B (a Minor) (Wardship: Sterilisation) (1988) AC 199); In re C (a Minor) (Wardship: Medical Treatment) (1990) Fam 26) and in re I (a Minor) Fam 26) and in re J (a Minor) (Wardship: Medical Treatment) ([1991]

Fam 33).

If Mr Bland had given instructions that he should not be artificially fed or treated with antibiotics if he should become a PVS patient, his doctors would not act unlawfully in complying with those instructions but would act unlaw-fully if they did not comply, even though the patient's death would inevitably follow:

If Mr Bland were a child and a ward of court, the court would decide what were his best interests, having regard to the views of his parents but without treating them as conclusive. The court might judge it in the child's best interests that life-saving measures be withheld if of opinion that the life thereby pro-longed would be one of intolerable pain and deprivation: see In re J.

There was no doubt that the administration of antibiotics was medical treatment. The overwhelming consensus of medical opinion in the United Kingdom and the United States was that artificial feeding by naso-gastric tube was also medical treatment.

To his Lordship it did not seem crucial whether or not it was so regarded since it formed part of the patient's medical care. The answer to the present problem

patient was unconscious or of unsound did not depend on line definitional mind.

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Traditionally the objects of medical care had been (i) to prevent the occurrence of illness, (ii) to cure illness, (iii) where it could not be cured, to prevent or retard deterioration of the patient's condition and (iv) to relieve pain and suffering in body and mind.

His Lordship doubted if it had ever been an object of medical care merely to prolong the life of an insensate patient with no hope of recovery where nothing could be done to promote any of those

Mr Francis, whose application had been supported by Mr Lester, relying on cases in the United States, South Africa, and New Zealand, where courts had sanctioned the discontinuance of arti-ficial feeding of PVS patients, and on the Canadian Law Refrance Commission's Canadian Law Reform Commission's working paper on euthanasia, as well as material produced by the British Medi-cal Association and the Institute of Medical Ethics, had argued:

1 The question whether artifical feeding and antibiotic treatment of Mr Bland should be discontinued was to be resolved by the doctors in charge of his case, in consultation with independent medical experts, exercising a careful and informed judgment of what the patient's best interests required. In forming that judgment it was appropriate to take full account of the family's wishes, which

they had done. 2 While the respect accorded to human life always raised a presumption, that sumption was not irrebuttable. 3 Mere prolongation of the life of a PVS patient such as Mr Bland with no hope of any recovery was not necessarily in his best interests, if in his interest at all. 4 In making an objective judgment of

his best interests account could be taken not only of any pain and suffering which prolonged feeding might cause but also of wider less tangible considerations. 5 The assessment of Mr Bland's best

interests, although a matter for his

timately subject to the sanction of the count where, as here, its jurisdiction was invoked. There was no ground for overriding their judgment.

His Lordship accepted arguments 1, 2 and 3 above. He could not conceive what benefit Mr Bland's continued existence could be thought to give him.

Accepting point 4, an objective assessment of Mr Bland's best interests viewed through his eyes would give weight to the constant invasions and humiliations to which his inert body was subject, to the desire he would naturally have to be remembered as a cheerful carefree egarious teenager and not an object of gregarious reenager and not an object of pity, to the prolonged ordeal imposed on all members of his family, even, per-haps, if altruism still lived, to a belief that finite resources were better devoted to enhancing life than merely averting

His Lordship also accepted point 5 above. Such review by the courts might be of real value in excluding the possibilities of medical error, misapprehension of the correct approach, divisions of opinion, conflicts of interest and improper motives.

His Lordship turned to Mr Munby's submissions which challenged the premises on which the doctors judgment was based:

I To withdraw the feeding tube was to do an act which would inevitably cause and was intended to cause Mr Bland's death. That was unlawful and criminal, whether or not artificial feeding was medical treatment. The doctors proposed course would amount to manughter or murder.

His Lordship tested the submission by posing three examples:
(a) Where a doctor discontinued artificial feeding after three years in

compliance with the express instructions of a PVS patient given before the onset of the condition when he was of full age and sound mind, his Lordship consid-ered that the doctor had plainly not

aided and abetted suicide for several possible reasons: that it could not be unlawful to act in accordance with the patient's instructions, the patient lacked the intent necessary for stricide, the patient's underlying condition, not the discontinuance of feeding, caused his death, the doctor lacked the necessary intent of aiding and abetting.

If it was not the discontinuance which sed the death or if the doctor lacked the intent to kill, he would have defences to murder and perhaps to manslaughter

(b) Where a PVS patient's naso-gastric tube required renewal and the doctor had to decide whether to continue feeding through a replacement or a newly implanted gastrostomy tube but, after three years and no hope of recovery be considered that in all the circumstances it was in the patient's best interests not to do so, plainly he would not be guilty of murder or man-slaughter. If that were so, and the present doctors were to be guilty, it could only be because of a distinction between initiating a new regime and discontinu-ing an existing one. Where the doctor's ty to the patient were the same in the two cases, criminal liability could not

depend on such a distinction. He must be guilty in both cases or neither. of life-threatening failure successively of each major organ, which could be remedied by serious surgery, was the doctor obliged to carry out such life-saving procedures? Mr Munby had been the beauty out such life-saving procedures? Mr Munby had been been and the beauty life in Indicated answered that he was. To his Lordship such a suggestion was so repugnant to one's sense of how one individual should behave so another that it was to be

If his Lordship was right in so doing the doctors could only be guilty here it some distinction were to be drawn between the surgical procedures described and artificial feeding. Crim-

inal liability could not depend on the

rejected as possibly representing the law.

procedures.

A doctor who discontinued artificial feeding of a PVS patient after a lapse of time emitting him to be sure that there was no hope of recovery in oursuance of a conscientious and proper judgment that such discontinuance was in the patient's best interests was guilty of no

For present purposes it did not matter greatly whether one said that that was not an unlawful act or that the doctor lacked criminal intent or that he breached no duty or that his act did not

Even if Mr Munby's first submission were sound, it would leave the doctors free to discontinue antibiotics with the result that Mr Bland would die sooner rather than later perhaps less peacefully than on withdrawal of artificial feeding. 2 The withdrawal was a breach of the doctors' duty to care for and feed him which, since it would inevitably cause his death, was necessarily inlawful and

3 Even if antificial feedingwere medical treatment there was no justification for withdrawing it. To do so was a breach of the doctors' duty to treat and nurse him and, since it would cause his death, it

was unlawful and criminal. It was evident from what his Lordship had already said that he lid not accept any ingredient of either latter subon for the reasons he had given.

His Lordship agreed with the Presi-dent's ruling that in cases of the present kind application should be made to the court to obtain its sanction or the course proposed. It was a wise ruling directed to the protection of patients and doctors and to the reassurance of patients' families and of the public. That practice should be followed.

Lord Justice Butler-Skiss and Lord Justice Hoffmann deliverid judgments concurring in the result. Solicitors: Official Solicion, Mr W. J. M. Lovel, Harrogate: Treatury Solicitor.

Solicitor forfeited independent status

In re Scientific Investment Pension Plan Clark and Another v Hicks

Before Mr Justice Mervyn Davies [Judgment November 30] A solicitor appointed as an independent trustee of a pension plan pursuant to section 57C of the Social Security Pensions Act 1975. as inserted by paragraph 1 of Schedule 4 to the Social Security Act 1990, who procured the services of partners in his own firm to assist him in carrying out his duties did not satisfy the requirements of regulation 2(2) and (3) of the Occupational Pension Schemes (Independent Trustee) Regulations (SI 1990 No 2075) taken together, because he was an associate, within section 435 of the Insolvency Act 1986, of persons who had provided services to the trustees. Accordingly, he had for-

of 1975 and the 1990 Regula-Mr Justice Mervyn Davies so held in the Chancery Division when declaring that the first plaintiff, Mr David John Clark, a solicitor, could no longer act as an tific Investment Pension Plan (SIPP) established by Rengredal Holdings Ltd. in liquidation, on a motion brought by the first plaintiff against the defendant. Mrs Margaret Hicks, a member of the SIPPP and representing its other

feited his status as an "indepen-

dent trustee" within the meaning

of sections 57C and 57D of the Act

Regulation 2 of the 1990 Regulations provides: "(1) For the purposes of section 57C(2), a person is 'independent' only if he satisfies the requirements of paragraphs (2) and (3) of this regula-

tion as well as the requirements of section 57C (3)(a) and (b).

Farrand v Tse and Another "Application" for an emergency prohibition order within the meaning of section 12(10)(a) of the Food whereby an application was made to the court by the council's environmental health officer and not the hearing of the application

Therefore, provided the application was made to court within three days, no compensation was

"(2) This paragraph requires that the person has not provided services to the trustee or managers of the scheme, or the employer, in relation to the scheme. This requirement is, however, satisfied if the last occasion on which the person provided services was more than three years before section 57C started to apply in relation to the

tion applies."

Mr Patrick Howell, QC and Mr James Clifford for the first plaintiff: Mr Christopher Nugee for the

MR JUSTICE MERVYN DA-VIES said that the motion had been issued in the course of proceedings by way of originating summons issued by the first plaintiff and the second plaintiff, investment Capital Pension Trustees Ltd, as trustees of the SIPP. The relief sought in the originating summons was for certain direc tions as to the course the mustees

the scheme. independent trustee. It was issued

Date of application

payable by a local authority to the

(3) This paragraph requires that the person is neither connected with, nor an associate of -(a) a person who has an interest in the assets of the employer or of the scheme, otherwise than as trustee of the scheme: or (b) a person to whom paragraph (2) of this regula-

The notice of motion was dated October 13, 1992 and sought a direction whether, on the true construction of sections 57C and 57D of the 1975 Act, the 1990 Regulations, the trust deed and in the events which had happened. the first plaintiff was or was not an

On January 31, 1992 Mr Clark was appointed as the independent trustee of the SIPP. The parties to a supplemental deed of the same date were (i) Rengredal Holdings

emergency prohibition order in

respect of The Dragon House, 117

proprietors of the premises. The Queen's Bench Divisional Court (Lord Justice Beldam and Mr Justice Tudor Evans) so held on October 26 in allowing an appeal by way of case stated brought by Coventry City Council against the decision of Coventry Justices on June 17, 1991 that the application by the council for an

Ltd. in liquidation. (ii) Lee Anthony Manning and (iii) Mr Clark. Recitals showed Mr Manning was appointed liquidator of

dal on December 20, 1991 with the result that he had a duty under section 57C to appoint or procure the appointment of an independent person as a trustee of appointment of Mr Clark who was a solicitor and partner in the firm In an affidavit, Mr Clark said he

had retained the services of advis-ers who had previously provided services to the second plaintiff or Rengredal and, further, set out details of services obtained by him from his own firm including claims for fees

His Lordship was shown two bills under the letter heading of "Clarks" one addressed to "The Trustees Scientific Investment Pension Plan" which set out fees in the sum of £8,208.90 for certain

professional services. The other was addressed to "D Clark Esq. Independent Trustee Scientific Investment Pension Plan" setting out fees in the sum of £1636.20 for other professional

Turning to the statutory prowhether or not Mr Clark had disabled himself from remaining as an independent trustee, his Lordship said that on the one hand it was said that regulation 2 imposed a test to be applied once and for all at the date of the appointment of the independent trustee and not later; on the other hand it was said that the provisions of regulation 2(2) and (3) had to be taken into account not only when the independent trustee was appointed but also throughout the term that he acted as an indepen-

He had no doubt that the latter view was to be preferred because one saw in section 57C(2) that "if and so long as this section applies to a scheme, it shall be the duty of the practitioner ... (a) to satisfy self that at all times at least one of the trustees of the scheme is an

independent person...". Thus it seemed that the practitioner had, after the initial appointment of the independent trustee "at all times" to be satisfied as to the independence of at least

one of the trustees. If one considered his independence after the date of the appoint-ment one saw, see regulation 2. that a person was not independent

part of the UK.

an independent trustee ceased to comply with the requirements of regulation 2 if he, after the date of his appointment, provided services vithin regulation 2(2) and (3).

In view of that conclusion, it was necessary to consider whether Mr Clark's actions since his appointment had the effect that he ceased to be "independent" as explained in section 57C(2) and (3) and regulation 2.

What had to be considered was regulation 2. Looking at paragraph (2), on the evidence, it appeared that Mr Clark had not provided services to "managers of the scheme, or the employer". He had in a sense provided "services to the trustees" in that in acting on his own or together with his cotrustee some service had been carried out for the fund or trust, for example, in getting in the assets. On the other hand paragraph (2) in speaking of "services to the trustees" might well mean services for which a trustee usually paid, for

example, the services of a solicitor or accountant. On that footing a solicitor, being a sole practitioner, who was an independent trustee could safely carry out all such work as was

ally. That must be so. And in that situation it must be permissible for him to use his own sistants, derks, and so on since they did not provide services to the

However, if in the course of his office, the independent trustee were to act for himself, and his cotrustee in the course of litigation it might be that said that the sole practitioner independent trustee as providing services to the

However, Mr Clark was not a sole practitioner but in partner-ship. Paragraph (3) required that that is, a partner; see section 435 of the 1986 Act. "Person" in paragraph (3) meant in his Lordship's view, a person who had provided "services to the trustees" within paragraph (2). It was a fact that Mr Clark's

partners had provided services to the trustees. He agreed with Mr could not procure his own firm to provide services to the fund or trustees without losing his independence.

Solicitors: Clarks. Reading: Grundy Kershaw & Bowdens,

Manner of proving facts at trial

Arab Monetary Fund v Hashim and Others (No 7) Before Lord Justice Dillon, Lord Justice Neill and Lord Justice Hirst

[Judgment November 25] An order made by the court in the exercise of its discretion, under Order 38, rule 3 of the Rules of the Supreme Court, as to the manner in which facts had to be proved at trial had to identify the particular fact or facts which were to be proved and then specify the type of evidence which could be given of

that fact. The court's jurisdiction as to what facts or what types of evi-dence might be specified in the order was unrestricted.

The Court of Appeal so held allowing the appeal of Jawad Mahmoud Hashim, Salwa Al Rufaiee and Omar Hashim, the first, second and eleventh defendants, against that part of the order of Mr Justice Hoffmann on May 12, 1992, when giving directions on various matters pending the trial of the action due commence in the Chancery Division early next year, which related to five categories of original

was imposed.

Mr Colin Ross-Munro, QC and

Mr Hugo Page for the appellants; Mr Charles Flint for the plaintiff. LORD JUSTICE DILLON said that the trial would be concerned with many currency and banking transactions and crucial questions would arise as to whose moneys were being used and who was the

owner of various bank accounts. The present wording of Order 38, rule 3 had existed since 1954, and his Lordship agreed with the view of Mr Justice Bingham in Hv Schering Chemicals Ltd [1983] WLR 143, 147H) that the purpose of the rule was to facilitate the proof of matters which, although in issue, were peripheral to the major issue in the particular action; its purpose was not to permit

the adducing on a crucial issue matters that were not admissible under the Civil Evidence Act 1968. A much broader view of the rule was taken by Mr Justice Hoffmann when he directed that all the documents could be relied on for the purpose of the court (i) drawing such inferences as it thought fit as to the authenticity of the docu-

In his Lordship's view that went the rule permitted. The rule was

concerned only with the proving of "particular facts". The starting point had to be to identify the particular facts which were to be proved by the means specified in the order made.

The judge had not identified any particular facts but merely identified a large number of documents, and said that they might be relied on as evidence of anything that could be deduced from them.

It would be startling to hold that in civil proceedings wholesale dis-pensation with the hearsay rule had been readily available since 1954, if not before, by means of an order under the rule as broad as the order in the present case.

A further objection was that the judge was aware that some of the documents were to be challenged by the first defendant, so that the effect of the order was to put the onus on him to disprove the authenticity of those documents in respect of which he would have served a notice under Order 27,

or copy documents, bank account transactions, bank instructions, find treating them as admissible evidence of the facts they recorded, and (iii) drawing any judge's discretion under Order 38,

LORD JUSTICE NEILL agreed and, having set out the antecedents of the rule, said that it was clear throughout its history that the power to make orders had

been confined to orders relating to evidence of particular facts. Therefore the order made under the rule had to identify the particular fact or facts and then specify the

type of evidence which could be given of that fact. On the other hand the rule did not appear to contain any restric-tion as to what facts or what types of evidence of those acts might be specified in the order As a matter of jurisdiction the curt's powers

seemed to be unfetteed. Accordingly there was no supthat the court had no prisdiction to make an order in respect of a

subject of a notice under Order 27, His Lordship was satisfied, however, that in the present case any order under the rule should not include any documents whose authenticity was challenged or any facts which remained senuinely in

Lord Justice Hirst igreed with both judgments. Solicitors: Landau & Scanlan;

Community rules not applicable

Regina v Secretary of State for Trade and Industry and Another, Ex parte Airlines of Britain Holdings plc and

Another Before Lord Justice Neill, Lord Justice Beldam and Lord Justice Kennedy

[Judgment December 4] The proposed merger of British Airways and Dan-Air did not have a European Community dimension and was to be dealt with by the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry applying British competition law. Accordingly, his de-cision that article 86 of the EEC Treaty, which prohibited the abuse of a dominant position, did not apply to the merger could not be challenged by judicial review. The Court of Appeal so held

refusing a renewed application by

two applicant companies, Airlines of Britain Holdings plc and Virgin Adantic Airways Ltd. for leave to

British Airways.

apply for judicial review of, inter alia, a decision by the Trade Secretary that article 86 of the EEC Treaty did not apply to the pro-posed merger of British Airways and Dan-Air. The application was renewed following the refusal of leave by Mr Justice Schiemann on

November 23, 1992. Mr David Pannick, QC and Mr Paul Lasok for the applicant companies: Mr Jeremy Lever, QC and Mr Michael Patchett-Joyce for the Trade Secretary; Mr Michael Beloff, QC, Mr Richard Fowler, QC and Mr Paul Walker for

LORD JUSTICE NEILL said that Council Regulation (EEC) No 4064/89 (OJ 1990 L257 p14) which came into force on September 21, 1990 was of crucial concerned with the control of between

It was common around that (a) the proposed merger would result in a concentration within the meaning of article 3 of Regulation tion was not of sufficient size to amount to a concentration with a Community dimension as defined

The applicants argued, inter alia, that Regulation 4064 did not apply to the proposed merger because the scope of the regulation was limited by article 1 to concentrations with a Community dimension, and it followed that there was in force no implementing measure which had applied article 86 to the merger. Accordingly it fell to the United Kingdom

authorities to give effect to article In his Lordship's judgment that argument was bound to fail. It was clear that Regulation 4064 had been adopted as the appropriate regulation to give effect to the principles set out in article 86. It was a regulation of the kind contemplated in artide 87 of the EEC Treaty and appled generally to all concentrations is defined in

article 3 of Regulation 4064. The effect of the regulation was to require the Commission to deal with all questions arising under articles 85 and 86 of the EEC Treaty and to leave it to national courts to apply their ewn domestic competition legislation to concentrations within their

The secretary of state had been right to conclude that he had no duty to have regard to article 86 for the purpose of reaching a decision

on the proposed merger. His duty was to apply UK law. Lord Justice Beldim and Lord Justice Kennedy agreed.

Treasury Solicitor, Linklaters &

Solicitor: Harbotile & Lewis:

European Law Report Luxembourg Special circumstances no defence to failure to implement drinking water directive

Commission of the European Communities v United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern

Ireland

Case C-337/89 Before O. Due, President and Judges C. N. Kakouris and G. C. Rodriguez Iglesias, R. Joliet, J. C. Moitinho de Almeida, F. Grévisse and M Diez de

Advocate General C. O. Lenz (Opinion January 21) Judgment November 25 The directive on the quality of drinking water required member states to ensure that certain results were achieved and, except within the limits of the derogations laid down, they might not rely on special circumstances in order to justify a failure to discharge that obligation.

The Court of Justice of the European

The Court of Justice of the European Communities so held in granting a declaration that by failing to implement and to apply the directive correctly, the UK had failed to fulfil its obligations UK had failed to faith its obligators under the EEC Treaty.

Article 18(1) of Council Directive 80/778/EEC of July 15, 1980 relating to the quality of water intended for human consumption (Official-Journal 1980 L229, p11) required the member states to bring into force the laws, regulations and administrative provisions necessary to comply with the

visions necessary to comply with the directive and its annexes within two years following its notification and to inform the Commission forthwith. in addition, article 19 required the member states to take the necessary measures to ensure that the quality of

complied with the directive within five years of its notification. In the case of the UK, those periods expired on July 18, 1982 and July 18, 1985 respectively.

The Commission's complaints were, first, that the UK had failed so implement within the prescribed periods all or part of the provisions of the directive (depending on the regions of the UK concerned) and, second, that it had failed to comply in certain supply zones with the maximum admissible concentration for nitrates and lead laid down by the directive.

The Commission therefore brought an action under article 169 of the EEC Treaty for a declaration that, by failing to implement the directive in its domestic legislation and to apply it correctly the UK had failed to fulfil its obligations under the Treaty. The UK's objection

In its judgment the Court of Justice held as follows:

Non-implementation The Commission claimed that the UK had failed, first, to implement the provisions of the directive concerning water used in the food industry in the regulations applicable to England and Welstein and applicable to England and Wales and, second, to adopt measures for the implementation of any of the provisions of the directive in Scotland and Northern Ireland.

While acknowledging that the Water

Supply (Water Quality) (Scotland) Regulations (SI 1990 No 119 (S11))

constituted "satisfactory formal im-

The defendant had argued that, as far as Scotland was concerned, the com-petent member of the Commission of the European Communities had stated, in a letter of April 13, 1989, that the adoption of appropriate regulations under the Water Act 1973 would lead to the withdrawal of the application with respect to the implementation of the directive in Scotland. Since those regula-tions were adopted, the Commission was said to have failed in its duty of co-operation under article 5 of the Treaty

by pursuing this complaint. That argument could not be upheld. Without its being necessary to assess the legal significance of the letter, it was to noted that its author confined himself to the possibility that the application might be withdrawn in the event of the UK legislation constituting not merely

plementation" of the directive in Scot-land, the Commission adhered to its

complaint in its entirety in respect of that

formal, but complete, implementation of all the provisions of the directive. No undertaking had therefore been given by the Commission. As far as Northern Ireland was concerned, the defendant claimed that difficulties relating to the organisation of the public authorities in that part of the UK explained the delay in the implementation of the directive.

However, as the Court had consis-tently held, a member state might not

plead provisions, practices or circum-

stances in its internal legal system in

order to justify a failure to comply with

directive obligations or time limits.

The Commission claimed that water supplied in 28 supply zones in England did not conform to the maximum admissible concentration ("MAC") of 50 milligrams per litre for nitrates and that the excessive levels were not justified by the derogations provided for in article of the directive.

that the directive did not impose an obligation to achieve a result but merely required member states to take all practicable steps to comply with the tandards laid down. The UK claimed to have done so in his case. It added that the failure to achieve the objective was due to extrane ous factors relating in particular to techniques used in agriculture.

The UK Government argued, first,

It followed from article 7(6) of the directive that the member states had to take the steps necessary to ensure that water intended for human consumption at least met the requirements specified in That result had to be achieved within a period of five years from notification of the directive (article 19), that period being longer than that allowed for

implementation of the directive, namely two years from notification (article 18), in order to enable member states to satisfy the above-mentioned requirements.

The only derogations from the obligation on member states to ensure that water intended for human consumption conformed to the requirements of the directive were those provided for in articles 9, 10 and 20. The first of those

provisions permitted derogations to take account of situations arising from the nature and structure of the ground in the area from which the supply in question comes, as well as situations arising from exceptional meteorological conditions; the second authorised derogations in the event of emergencies; and the third permitted member states, in exceptional cases and for geographically defined population groups, to submit a special request to the Com-mission in order to obtain a longer

The directive therefore required mem-ber states to ensure that certain results were achieved and, except within the limits of the derogations laid down, they might not rely on special circumstances in order to justify a failure to discharge that obligation. Finally, the UK Government claimed that it had granted derogations under article 9 of the directive for the zones in which the MAC specified for nitrates

period for compliance with Annex I.

was exceeded and that it had notified those derogations to the Commission on October 9, 1985. The UK Government considered that in those circumstances the Commi instead of proceeding with its complaint, should have automatically granted the UK an extension of the time-limit notwithstanding the expiry of the period

within which a request under article 20 had to be submitted. However a request under article 20 of the directive for a longer period for complying with Annex I had to be made within the period laid down in article 19 cordance with article 9 of the directive occurred after July 18, 1985, that is to say after that period had expired. Consequently, it was unnecessary to rule on the request made by the UK Lead levels

compliance with the MAC for lead (parameter 51) had not been secured in Scotland in 17 supply zones serving a population of approximately 52,000 The comments concerning parameter 51 laid down maximum lead levels for

The Commission considered that

water where lead pipes were present as well as conditions governing the taking As the UK Government had correctly pointed out, those comments would be superfluous if they were to be interpreted the manner suggested by the

The comments relating to that param-

eter had therefore to be interpreted as referring to the values to be observed in the case of lead pipes, for which special rules had been laid down. In such a case the 50 micrograms per little value was for guidance only, and suitable measures were required only where samples were taken directly or after flushing and the lead content In such a case the 50 micrograms per

exceeded 100 micrograms per litre requently or to an appreciable extent.

By virtue of article 7(5) of the directive. which provided that account was to be taken of the comments for the purpose of interpreting the values shown in Annex I, it was those special rules which

applied in the case of lead piping.
The UK Government referred to the results of the samples taken in accordance with a procedure agreed between the Commission and the UK; according to those results, 4 per cent of the samples had a lead content exceeding 50 micrograms per litre and 2 per cent a lead content exceeding 100 micrograms per litre.

micrograms per litre. As the UK Government had asserted without being challenged, the samples in question were taken in accordance with Annex II to the directive and in any event the Commission had not shown that, if the samples had been taken according to the method which it shown that, I me samples had been taken according to the method which it indicases, they would have shown that the 100 micrograms per litre limit was exceeded frequently or to an appreciable

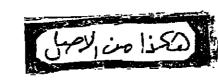
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That complaint had therefore to be

On those grounds, the Court l Declared that, by failing, first, to implement in the regulations applicable in Scotland and Northern Ireland and as regards water used in the food industry, also in England and Wales, Council Directive 80/778/EEC of July 15. 1980 relating to the quality of water intended for human consumption and, second, to ensure that the quality of water supplied in 28 supply zones in England conformed to the requirements of the directive concerning nitrates, the UK had failed to fulfil its obligations under the EEC Treaty. 2 Dismissed the remainder of the

3 Ordered the UK to pay the costs.



Americans switch on to new Dallas dynasty

hen it comes to national traditions. Americans revere items that a European would consider to be of disastrously recent growth. Where visiting Brits see a Victorian pile Americans see an impossibly ancient monument. But we should never, for that reason, despise the traditions, nor underestimate the emotional force they possess.

This is naturally reflected in sport. The tradition of the excellence of the Dallas Cowboys — self-aggrandisingly self-nicknamed "America's Team" -- seems to go back to the dawn of time. Odd to reflect that in January, the Super Bowl will be contested for only the 27th time; the FA Cup final has been played 111

"The Cowboys are a part of recognisable America," the team owner. Jerry Jones, said. A little over three years ago. Jones bought the team for a trilling sum estimated at \$140 million. "They are part of the aura of sports - not just the National Football League. My perspective is that they have transcended the NFL They are above that. They are an institution that people - not iust football fans - can recognise. I realised that when I bought the club. They are

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unique. The Cowboys have something of the same boundarybreaking profile as Manchester United. Before Channel 4 brought American football into the living room, the Dallas Cowboys were probably the only team most Brits could name. But once it arrived, the Cowboys got left behind. In the mid-Eighties they entered a slump. They are now beginning to emerge. Even this hint of promise has been enough to spawn a thousand headlines: Ameri-

ca's Tearn is Back. The ancient tradition of the excellence of the Dallas Cowboys goes back, well, as far as the 1970s, even the 1960s. American football's fortunes have soared annually for the past quarter-century: a rise that began with television, was sustained by television and is still fuelled by television. National television, cable tele-vision: football has never failed.

Dallas established their tradition of highly visible victories in that time, when football and television were commencing the still-continuing era of sym-



Simon Barnes on the trail of the revitalised Cowboys

and the owner whose cash and controversial

methods could trade slump for Super Bowl success



Jones: so impressed by Dallas aura he bought the club

you expect to wade knee-deep

through claptrap. You expect to listen to all kinds of guff

about integrity and pride. You

don't get any of that from

A about keeping eye-contact, and he has eyes like

stones. He prides himself on being aggressive "I knew

when I took over the club that

I was going to have to be very

aggressive, that I was going to

have to take risks. That is the

way it has been. That is the

hallmark of the club. We have

been aggressive, we have been

responsive. When we see an

deportment on or off the field,

beautiful throwing when field-

ing through the Australian innings of 729 for six declared

Woolley was omitted after

the Lord's Test in 1930, did

at Lord's in 1930.

and India in 1932.

Yours faithfully.

JOHN B. HARRIS.

From Mr F. J. Josling

31 Princedale Road, W11.

Sir, Even Caddington Cricket

Club does not select its team by

a survey of attitudes in The

Chequers or The Cricketers.

and once the team is posted on

Wednesday in the post office

there is certainly not an assess-

Perhaps selectors and um-

pires carry greater respect at

ment of public reaction.

this level.

Yours faithfully.

Badger's Holt.

Caddington.

JOHN JOSLING.

Luton, Bedfordshire.

Welsh origins

From Mr David Watkins

Sir, Recent letters (November

27. December 4) about crowd

behaviour at Cardiff triggered

my memory. The first time I recall sustained booing (and

jeering) was at the Middlesex

and Warner wrote of his

e is a businessman.

He is very serious

biotic growth. It became the television network's motto: if in doubt, give 'em the Cowboys. Everyone loved the Cowboys. Well, if they didn't, they loathed them so much they would watch in the hope of seeing them beaten. The Cowboys could lose, all right, but television - and football could not.

"The Cowboys represented success," Jones said. "An aura that was bigger than life. Like Texas, like Dallas." With that went an arrogance that was equally Dallas, equally Texas. The Cowboys made friends, they made enemies, and either way it was great for business. People bought more Cowboys gear than any other in the NFL: they were proud to pay

opportunity, we grab it." Jones, just turned 50. carries the unmistakable hallmark of to wear the silver and blue star. When you walk into an the unlamented Eighties and the religion of entrepreninstitution like the Cowboys.





Landry: legendary

eurialism. Brutality is a kind of virtue. Jones came in like a tornado, buying the club from a man called, I promise you, H. R. "Bum" Bright, and promptly fired the head coach, Tom Landry, a legendary person. "a Mount Rushmore figure" as one writer put it, a man who walked up and down the sidelines in a snapbrim hat.

Jones later parted company with the almost equally leg-endary club president, Tex Schramm. He also traded the, yes, legendary player, Her-schel Walker. He even managed to inspire a walk-out of

Jones went on to appoint his former room-mate from college football days, Jimmy Johnson, as head coach, and then reaped the inevitable rewards. The first season of the new

order brought 15 defeats and a single victory.

That inspired a nationwide surge of hate from the legion of success-worshipping Cow-boys fans. The public had turned on Landry for losing: now they turned on Jones for firing Landry and still losing. The legions of Cowboy-haters were saddened: Dallas were so bad it was hardly worth the trouble of hating them.

Inspired by Troy Aikman, their quarterback, Dallas Cowboys won their eleventh game of the season on Sunday, and so clinched their place in the play-offs. They have the yourgest team in the League. If you want to beat the Cowboys, experts are saying, you had better beat them now. They could go on to dominate the Nineties, America's Team Jones owns the club, and is

the general manager as well as the entire board of directors. "I wouldn't have bought the club if I had not been able to do it that way," he said. "I come from a business of risk, a business of risk-assessment My business was drilling oil and gas wells. I am accustomed to getting crushing

Jones, it is clear, is what the Irish call a chancer. He has made his fortune by being fast, clever, aggressive and decisive. Sport gives him what many very rich, very able and succesful people often lack and desire: fame. Notoriety, if you prefer. Sport exists by feeding on the imagination of the public: Jones entered sport and instantly became a media monster. It is a part he plays very well.

That trade of Herschel Walker was the big move. It is a deal people still talk about a great player past his best was exchanged for five players and seven more from the college All in all, in his brief spell

with the club. Jones has made 46 trades: an extraordinary figure. Johnson has become an envied success as head coach. "The Cowboys were not on their back needing mouthto-mouth resuscitation," Jones said, "they had dropped to a knee. What they needed was a plan and a fresh zest to take advantage of that tradition." Funnily enough, Jones comes from Arkansas. But if you want someone to live up to all the British preconceptions of Dallas — Jones is here and in charge. America's Team. Jones's Team.



Aikman: the quarterback who has inspired the Cowboys to a play-off place

SPORTS LETTERS

Gower must accept life without touring

From Dr Anthony P. Hall Sir, As a doctor, I had the unique experience of accompanying the English cricket team that went to India and Pakistan for the World Cup in 1987. David Gower declared himself unavailable because he decided to take the winter off, but if he had played, perhaps England would have won the World Cup rather than losing the final by seven

In the coming tour of India, England will be playing many of their matches away from the major cities. Life for the touring party may often be rather boring. I am sure that Graham Gooch and his colleagues have chosen the side they consider best equipped for the arduous tour.

So, as a member of the MCC, I will vote to support the selectors at the meeting on January 27. Let us hope that Gower plays well enough next year to return to the England team.

Yours faithfully. TONY HALL 7 Wimpole Street, W1.

From Mr Jonathan Fenton Sir, The debate over David Gower is not going to lie down and die as the TCCB and the upper echelons of the MCC would wish. It is a great testimony to the manner in which David Gower not only plays the game of cricket but also the way he keeps his dignity that the subject has not been allowed to die.

It has been said that David Gower does not fit into the regime of Messrs Dexter and Gooch. The only problem this seems to cause is that Gower

From Mr R. A. Philips

forget the coaches.

gold medal-winners not to

Many of our international

coaches are, like their charges,

amateurs. Their sport and

does not get picked to go on tour. Is it more important to be able to run a half-marathon rather than to dismiss a ball to the boundary without the use of a pair of blacksmith's forearms or half a tree-trunk? Yours faithfully.

J. FENTON. Underdown. Gloucester Road. Ledbury, Herefordshire.

From Mr John B. Harris

Sir. The furore about David Gower is reminiscent of that around Frank Woolley before the final Test against the Australians in 1934. Woolley, too, was a left-hander and a superb stylist who had scored vast numbers of runs in a long career at county and Test level.

Close analysis of his Test record suggests that he was a bit more of a fair-weather batsman than Mead, Leyland and Paynter with whom he might be seen to have been in contention, for, with successively Mailey, Grimmett and O'Reilly prominent in the Australian bowling, at least one left-hander was a must at

In 1930, in four innings. Woolley made only 74, but the 41 he scored in the first innings at Lord's was acclaimed by contemporary writers as seeming to outshine Daleepsinihi's 173, Chapman's 121 and even Bradman's famous 254 in the same match. One writer, I recall, extolled the huge number of runs Woolley would have made if he had not

got out! There were of course some differences. There was never any question about Woolley's

rive at the Olympic Games. Coaches forgotten I accept that, in awarding honours to a successful athlete. recognition is being given to Sir. May I implore those responsible for bestowing pubhis or her back-up team of coaches, doctors, physiotheralic honours on our Olympic

pists and managers. However, I would contend that the special relationship that a coach must have with the athlete is such that he or she is worthy of the same honours as the athlete.

coaching is a hobby. Some have been bringing Yours sincerely. on young athletes for many years and, like the athletes R. A. PHILIPS. 10 Broughton Avenue. themselves, will have had to make professional, financial Ham. and personal sacrifices to ar-

Defiance of authority

From Mr Peter Blaseby Sir, One effect of the considerable rainfall over the past month has been for the National Rivers Authority to instruct rowers not to go out on the non-tidal Thames.

not tour South Africa or Australia in the next few years, This has caused much disand made one appearance against New Zealand in 1931 appointment amongst the large rowing community, including substantial cost to clubs such as my own who traditionally organise large events at this time of the year. In 1934 Woolley was scoring heavily in county matches and there was tremendous In an amateur sport, such a pressure from the press for his loss seriously affects their firecall, especially after En-

gland's narrow escape, saved nancial strength, especially in by rain, at Leeds after the first hand times However, responsible club of the huge Bradmanofficials have taken heed of the Ponsford contributions. So, he instruction and their enthusicame into the side, and went astic members are either havin at 104 for one - which ing to make do with rowing machines or make lengthy trips by motorway to unaffectlooked respectable enough until it was set against the 701 that Australia had made.

Alas, in that innings and Yet last weekend, despite again in the second. Woolley's official warnings and two accifailure, and the manner of it, dents at Oxford and Henley was a cause for real sadness: it during the previous week, the was abject. Ironically, it was most prestigious rowing club in the country, Leander, boat-Leyland who produced a magnificent fighting hundred in ed two clubs eights at Henley. This can only be viewed as a the first innings and brought a trace of respectability into the huge snub to authority and England batting before an common sense. We know that eventual 562-run defeat. I saw in years past crews rowed in his batting and treasure the conditions far worse, but that memory. Would that we had is beside the point. another Leyland today!

The most alarming fact is that their national squad members had already been told by the Amatuer Rowing Association not to defy the restriction, but the club put its

OWII CIEWS OUT. Whether the ARA or its regional counterpart can impose an effective penalty re-mains to be tested, but I would hope that the club itself takes action against its members who were responsible for such conduct.

Yours faithfully, PETER BLASEBY. (Marlow Rowing Club under-13 coach), 22 Bovingdon Heights, Marlow, Buckinghamshire.

"friendly booing".

Sevens — each time London

Welsh appeared. In those days

commentators called it

Perhaps it was their sons who created the "good hu-moured" booing and whis-

tling at Twickenham in the Barbarians match to contrast

Football loses its direction

the transfer market to even

out of it? Better, safer facilities,

new lavatories. You must be joking. They don't buy

What did the supporter get

The less said about the FA's

role in regulating all this the better. "We don't want to

interfere; we must not upset

the chairmen, they know

with their feet and demon-strate their power and passion

for the game - the miners did

it very well. The chaumen and

the FA might notice if the

grounds were empty one Sat-

I am sure managers and

players will support the action

because, if none is taken, the

game as we used to know it

will not be around in a few

104 Haldon Road, SW18.

in the table: 20 goals for and

13 against (average 1.53 from

Does this mean that a

strong defence is no longer a

prerequisite for a potential

winner of the

championship?

urday afternoon.

Yours sincerely,

18 games).

JERRY MORTON.

True supporters should vote

greater heights.

success.

From Mr Jerry Morton Sir, Why should Graham Taylor worry about his warn-ing that football is being overexposed on television (report, November 28)? He speaks the

truth.

Too many matches are running our best footballers into the ground. Supporters don't get value for money as the players are either too tired or injured. There is not the sense of occasion there used to be: Saturday afternoon was sacrosanct. So much football and so much on television is creating an audience of sedentary, square-eved supporters.

Chairmen treat football clubs as toys to play around with and impress their friends. Nor do they appear interested in the overall future of the

game. Everything revolves around money and club success - as soon as the first instalment of television money rolled in they went and spent it on new players, thus fuelling

Attacking option From Mr K. C. Bass

Sir. It is remarkable that Norwich City are eight points clear at the top of the FA Premier League with a tally of 34 goals for and 31 against (average 1.09 from 18 games).

compared with those of Manchester United, who are fifth

Yours faithfully. K. C. BASS, These figures should be 5 Arlington, Woodside Park, N12.

Lucrative action From Mr Antony Allott

Sir, In my innocence, I read (December 4) that Harry Butch" Reynolds sued for and was awarded damages against the IAAF in an American court. I note two points: 1. The LAAF's full title is the International Amateur Athletic Federation (my italics). 2. Reynolds claims that, had it

not been for the ban on him,

with the "sickening" booing at

Cardiff. The greatest sus-tained noise at Cardiff was

applause for the Campese try, -

albeit from an offside position.

Yours etc., DAVID WATKINS.

14 Green Lane.

he would have earned "an estimated \$4 to 5 million in appearance fees and endorsement income". If an amateur can earn so

much, how much could a professional earn? If he can earn \$27.3 million from the court by way of compensatory and punitive damages by not running, why

bother to run? Yours faithfully, ANTONY ALLOTT, Sorbrook Mill. Bodicote. Banbury, Oxfordshire.

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BASKETBALL

Guildford search for consolation in cup

By Nicholas Harling

GUILDFORD Kings will be looking for consolation in the Spectrum Arena, had Guildford's new home court national cup tonight for their been open in time to stage the almost certain abdication of fixture as planned. Not that the atmosphere

the Carisberg league title. Guildford hope to have Alton Byrd in action at Crystal Palace, even though the England guard, 35, will go into hospital on December 21 for an operation on a torn knee cartilage.

With Russ Saunders certain to be keen to put one over on the champions, who released him in the summer, Guildford need even a half-fit Byrd more than ever. Byrd was restricted by the injury on Saturday during his club's fifth league defeat of the season, an 81-72 loss at home to Thames Valley Tigers, who stretched their

four points. Kevin Cadle, the Guildford coach, said: "It kind of did us in Alton being hurt. It meant that we had a half-court offence with no easy baskets. We had to work for everything."

lead at the top of the table to

Gordon and Martin Henlan. who both fouled out, and the shooting frailties of Henlan and Carl Miller to win a game which would have graced the

Thames Valley exploited the early departure of Trevor

he had bought for the drum. Guildford had nobody to compare with the exceptional Nigel Lloyd, who collected 23 points for the second night running — including seven in a devastating three minutes when Guildford were outscored 15-2 - having masterminded the previous evening's

there could have been any

better than it was in the

packed Guildford sports

centre, where the Thames

Valley supporter who was asked to remove his drum

from a spare seat rightly

refused to do so. He duly

produced a second ticket that

98-78 defeat of Derby Bucks. Tharnes Valley have played two games more than Worthing Bears, in second place, who easily beat Hemel Hemp-stead 100-74. At the foot of the table,

Cheshire Jets registered their first league win of the season, beating Sunderland 89-68. Cheshire's new Americans made a big impression, especially Tyrone Thomas, who scored 26 points.

WORD-WATCHING

YUKR (b) To itch, Scottish and Northern dialect, cf. MDutch jeuken to itch; Walter Scott, as usual with obsolete dialect: "It wad hae been a fashious job that; by my certie, some o' our necks wad hae been vakine."

(b) A civil governor of a Turkish province or vilayet, from the Turkish Arabic, cf. wali: "The corrupt and inefficient government of the Vali of Beirut." "The Vali, like nearly all Turkish officials, had discarded the Turkish costume. PADROADIST

(b) A Roman Catholic who favours or supports the padroado or ecclesiastical patronage claimed by the King of Portugal in India, from the Portuguese padroado patronage: "Padroadists and Propagandists are regarded as two distinct sects."

NEPENTHES (a) A drug of Egyptian origin mentioned in the Odyssey as capable of (a) A drug of agyptian origin memoraed in the Onystey as capable of bankshing grief or trouble from the mind, from the Greek Re not + penthos grief: "It is the true Nepenthes, which makes a sad man irolike." "Some will have it [Bugloss] the Nepenthes of Homer."

SOLUTION TO WINNING CHESS MOVE

White finishes off with 1 Qxb6+ Ke8 (1 ... Kc8 2 Qc7 mate) 2 Qb8+ mating.

Golf's prize pupil called to meet the head master



NICK Faldo, the world's leading golfer, described his surprise meeting last month with Ben Hogan, one of the four players to win all four major championships, as that of a schoolboy meeting a headmaster for the first time.

Faldo, with two Open championships and two US Masters titles to his credit, said that the invitation to visit Hogan, now 80, at his home in Fort Worth, Texas, came out of the blue. "I don't know of a man in any sport who has

dreamt I would meet him face to face," Faldo said.

"After all the stories I've read and heard of him being an iron man. I did wonder how I would be greeted. I have certainly never felt so in awe of somebody. It is quite something when you first meet Nicklaus and Palmer, but this was totally different."
Faldo said he had sat up

most of the night preparing a list of questions about Hogan himself and his swing. "I asked how he played, how he practised, how he achieved all

the aura of mystique that he did, and it was very clear range in much the same way same way for 16 years. I did commands, and I never that the most important thing as the American; he can, like used to get very down on that the most important thing in his life was hitting the golf ball," Faldo said. "He hasn't actually hit a ball now for and his money. three years, but he still looks

in tremendous shape. "I spoke to Mr Hogan about his practice routine and I was so pleased that his key swing thoughts were similar to mine. We spoke of our thoughts on leg action and

Faldo is regarded as the most complete golfer since Hogan, who won nine major championships. He has committed himself to the practice

Hogan, be brittle at times but he is essentially shy. He is also charitable with both his time

Faldo has strived to lose a reputation of being a loner. His intense and melancholy appearance on the fairways has not endeared him to the public. This intensity, while a vital part of his game, has worked against his image.

"Perhaps I showed it too much on occasions," he said. "But I think I made a pretty good turn-around in 1992. considering I had been the

used to get very down on myself for hitting bad shots. I'm still puzzled when I do. and I want to correct the faults, but I'm much lighter on myself when things do go wrong. And I no longer regard golf as the be-all and

end-all of life." Faldo's wife, Gill, is expecting their third child in late March, so he will probably miss The Players Champion-ship. "We were originally told the baby was due in Masters week," he said. "I'm not quite sure how we would have worked that one out."

the Johnnie Walker World Championship, which starts in Jamaica next Thursday. before taking a live-week break. His thoughts for 1993 are clear: "If I could have one career wish for next year it would be to win the US

That would leave Faldo with only the US PGA Championship to win to be-come the fifth player to collect the grand slam of all four major championships, and in so doing emulate Gene Sarazen, Jack Nicklaus, Gary Player and, of course, Hogan.



CRICKET

Sri Lanka settle Test series with rare win

FROM OUR SPORTS STAFF

nine-wicket victory over New Zealand on the fourth day of their second and final Test match at the Singhalese Sports Club here yesterday.

It was Sri Lanka's first win over New Zealand in 11 Tests and their third victory in 42 Tests. having previously beat-en India in 1985 and Pakistan in 1986 in Colombo.

Sri Lanka also clinched the series 1-0, the first Test having been drawn. Martin Crowe, the New Zealand captain, was sidelined by a hamstring injury and will miss the rest of the

Sri Lanka reached the target of 70 runs in the fifteenth over with 52 of the runs coming off 13 boundaries. The opener, Roshan Mahanama, scored six of the boundaries in his breezy innings of 29. Despite Mahanama's exit with the score on 36, Chandika Hathurusinghe and Asanka Gurusinghe guided the side home with an unbroken stand

Hundreds of spectators surged on to the field as Hathurusinghe hit the winning run off the part-time bowler. Andrew Jones, who led New Zealand in Crowe's

absence. Hashan Tillekeratne brought extra glory for Sri Lanka when he took the manof-the-match award for equalling a world record seven catches in a match and for

scoring 93 in the first innings. The record is held jointly by Greg Chappell, of Australia, and Yanwindra Singh, of India, both of whom achieved the feat in Test

matches against England. Earlier, the wicketkeeper, Adam Parore, and the New Zealand tail put up some

Colombo: Sri Lanka raced to a 84 runs to their overnight score of 277 before their second innings ended in the sixth over after lunch at 361. Parore hit a defiant 60 that included four boundaries and

figured in two useful stands of 3] and 44 with the seam bowlers. Chris Pringle and Michael Owens. (Agencies) SRI LANKA: First Innings 394 (R Mehanama 109, H P Tillekeraine 93, Ranatunga 76, M B Owens 4 for 101).

Total (1 wkd)FALL OF WICKET: 1-36

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FALL OF WICKETS: 1-23, 2-30, 3-189, 4 198. 5-240, 6-261, 7-285, 8-286, 9-317. Bowling: Liyanage 12-3-35-1; Gurusinha 8 1-19-1; Warnaweera 34-4-107-2; Muralith aran 40-5-134-4; Anurasin 22-4-54-2; Hathurusinghe 3-2-2-0.

Man of the match: H P Tillekeratine. Umpres: T M Samarasinghe and I Anan-dappa.

☐ Hobart: Three key members of the Pakistan team are struggling to be fit for the start of today's World Series Cup match against Australia at Bellerive Oval. Javed Miandad, the captain, Salim Malik and Aamir Suhail have sore throats, but are expected

Aagib Javed, the fast bowler, is likely to miss the match, however, as he is still experiencing pain from a stress fracture in his lower back. (AP)

Karen Roberts, right, was named 1992 Young Sports Woman of the Year yesterday (Louise Taylor writes). One of Britain's foremost young judo players. Roberts. 15, received £5,500 to help cover her travelling and training expenses from the award's sponsors — Tampax and the Women's Sports Foundation.

Roberts, from Berkshire, won the junior world championship in Argentina this year and a bronze medal at last week's European championships in

LENNOX Lewis could know

this weekend whether Riddick

Bowe will defend his world

heavyweight title against him

in April, as the World Boxing

Bowe and his manager.

Rock Newman, are expected

in London for the BBC's

Sports Personality of the Year

show and Lewis intends to accept the offer of \$3 million

(about £1.9 million) that his

ANDY Till, of Northolt, defends his British light-middle-

weight title against Tony Collins of Yateley, at the York Hall, Bethnal Green, tonight

Years ago. Collins was the

boxer — clever, neat and elusive, with a touch of class.

He won 25 of his first 26

contests. But after surviving a slogging match with Hugo

Marinangelli, of Argentina, to lift the World Boxing Council (WBC) international title, he

He held on to his WBC

fancied himself as a fighter.

(Srikumar Sen writes).

Council (WBC) has ordered.

Sally Gunnell, who presented Roberts with her award, said: "I am so pleased about these awards for the young women of this country. I know from experience how difficult it is to manage the financial burden caused by training when you have no regular

Zoe Edge, 17, from Chesterfield, was named Young Disabled Sports Women of the Year.

Edge, who has cerebal palsy and is an international boccia competitor, intends to use her prize of £1,500 to enhance her training skills.

who would have the final say.

"Lennox wants it, the rest of

the team doesn't. If Lennox

gets his way, the fight will be

in April and there would be no

warm-up fight." The Sky-

Dome in Toronto has shown

an interest in staging the bout.

Maloney said that Lewis

had taken a new mascot under

his wing, Chicken Bowe, and

produced a live rooster. Maloney said the bird, which

appeared to be as scared as Bowe about seeing out Christ-

mas, would be at every Lewis press conference until Bowe

accepted the challenge.
Nigel Benn, the WBC
super-middleweight champion, did not attend a press

conference to publicise his defence against Nicky Piper,

of Cardiff, yesterday. No rea-

son was given and Barry

Hearn, the promoter, said he was in breach of his contract.
"I could not be more as-

tounded," Hearn said. "He

made no excuses. I don't know

whether he's uptight with first-

defence nerves or just focused.

I'm entitled to take money

from his purse but I don't

By Keith Wheatley

know whether I will."

BOXING

Lewis plans to show Bowe

By Srikumar Sen, boxing correspondent

negotiating team turned

down last month. Lewis is on

holiday in Canada but could

make a special trip home to

Frank Maloney, Lewis's manager, said yesterday: "Lennox wants to fight him for \$3 million but I think it's

wrong. The fight is worth \$30 million and I don't see why he

should fight for ten per cent."

international title through two

brutal battles with another Argentinian, Ricardo Núñez.

but lost sight of his boxing. He

thought he could outpunch

Wally Swift to take his British

title but failed. In October, he

was stopped in seven rounds

by the American, Curtis

Much will depend on Col-lins's strategy. Till, having

won the British title from

Swift, will want to carry the fight to Collins. If Collins

fights, he could lose. If he

boxes, he should win.

Summit.

Maloney said it was Lewis

put Bowe on the spot.

Till defends title

help purchase a new electric sports

An individual award went to Fiona Fazackerley. A volleyball player from Stone, Fazackerley is 18 and intends to put her £1,500 towards travel and training costs. The team/community programme winners were ACTIVATÉ

In the coaching category, Lisa Jackson, 17, was presented with £1.500. Jackson is a football coach and will invest the cash in courses to

MOTOR RACING

Mansell to review **Indy move**

NIGEL Mansell is to review his decision to leave Formula One for the Indy Car circuit at the end of next year.

"We will see at the end of the next season whether Formula One is missing me - or whether I'm missing it," the world champion was quoted as saying yesterday in the Italian newspaper, Gazzetta

dello Sport. Mansell, who received the Golden Helmet award in Bologna for winning the championship, admitted that he had regrets about leaving Formula One. His move followed the failure to extend his contract with the Williams team, who had signed Alain Prost, the French former world champion, for the 1993

championship. Mansell, whose left foot is in plaster after surgery to remove a splinter of bone, confirmed his plans for next year. "I will respect all contracts signed to race with the Carl Haas team in the 1993 Indy championship," he said.

jumping a further nine flights. Richard Dunwoody brought

of the hurdle as well." David Nicholson, Mighty Mogul's trainer, was quick to realise what had happened.

stand as no rules had been contravened but the matter has been referred to the Jockey Club.

said: "I have never ridden one remotely like this in the other Champion Hurdle.

recorded his eighth win from nine starts over the Haydock fences when beating Par's Jester by 12 lengths in the Tommy Whittle Chase.

The runner-up has therefore been removed from the bet-

the Welsh National."

Bookmakers reply to harsh words of senior steward

By MICHAEL SEELY

conducted.

BOOKMAKERS reacted angrily to Lord Hartington's inflammatory speech at Tuesday night's Gimerack dinner.

Using this traditional occa-sion as his platform, the senior steward of the Jockey Club's inustration to wrest significantly more money from the bening industry boiled over. Describing efforts to woo

the bookmakers as "an exer-cise in futility". Lord Harrington called for immediate action, otherwise the Jockey Club would reverse the changes that have already been made to the fixture list.

The Betting Office Licensess' Association (Bola) criticised the senior steward for failing to acknowledge its members' increased contribution to the sport through a reduction in betting duties as bordering on the ungrateful".

A statement on behalf of Bola said: "Lord Hartington's comments illustrate yet again the Jockey Club's failure to understand how the levy works and the advantages this system of funding offers to racing. The truth, however, is that any amendments to the racing programme which in-crease off-course turnover also

benefit the levy." Berjis Daver, the managing-director of Ladbroke Racing. Britain's largest bookmakers was even more outsooken. "We are amazed at this outburst," he said.

Threats are counter-productive and will get us nowhere. We certainly won't be seeing Lord Hartington before Christmas." Daver, in common with other leaders of the bookmaking industry, considered that fruitful discussions with the Jockey Club were being

"I'm staggered by this," he went on, "I have spoken to the senior steward every day for the past week because I've been trying to assist them with the VAT and breeders

Throughout this time, Lord Hartington had given us no hint of any problems whatsoever and we thought that progress was being

Daver described the Jockey Club as being "too greedy". He said: "The Jockey Club appear to have an insatiable appenie and they're always asking for more. This is the core of the problem. Apart from the EII million, SIS are currently doing a deal with the racecourses which will mean a large extra injection of cash into the RCA.

Sir John Sparrow, chairman of the Levy Board, who was also a target of Lord Hartington's criticisms, reacted in dignified fashion. "I disagree with much of what Lord Hartington said. I do

not think that the interests ofracing are best served by public name-calling. I have no comment to make other than that I will continue to impress upon racing and hookmakers the need for ongoing and constructive dialogue."

Error forces rerun of Haydock hurdle

AN EXTRAORDINARY er-

ror by a member of the Haydock groundstaff threw the running of yesterday's Waterloo Hurdle into confusion (Michael Seely writes).
After the four jockeys in-

volved had been forced to take avoiding action at the second hurdle, which should not have been dolled off, they then completed a circuit before deciding to pull up.

The riders decided to start the race again before the first

flight in the straight and, after

Mighty Mogul home six lengths clear of Ambuscade. Philip Arkwright, the clerk of the course, said: "It was human error. The second race had been a chase and the member of the groundstaff turned over two pages on his racecard by mistake, and thought that the next event was a steeplechase. He therefore put the cones back in front

He rushed down to the rails in front of the grandstand and waved his arms at the runners. Dunwoody, having recorded his 800th career winner.

799." Mighty Mogul remains 10-1 with Corals for the Durwoody continued his eventful afternoon by landing a double on Twin Oaks, who

The winner jumped with his usual mixture of boldness and deverness, but unfortunately Par's Jester had broken down before jumping the last fence. ting on the King George VI

Gordon Richards, the winning trainer, was attending Arthur Stephenson's funeral but his son, Nicky, said: "We are far more likely to come back here for the Peter Marsh Chase in January than go for

Kirsten reacts angrily to Kapil's run-out FROM RICHARD STREETON IN PORT ELIZABETH

KAPIL Dev enraged the

crowd of 19,000 when he ran out Peter Kirsten at the bowler's end for backing up too far before the ball was bowled early in South Africa's innings during the second one-day international here yesterday. Kirsten remonstrated with Kapil and the umpire, Cyril Mitchley, before stalking off angrily to the pavilion.

During the same over, Kapil and Wessels appeared to collide as the South African captain took a run and Kapil seemed to suggest that Wessels's bat had struck his leg. Kapil had a shin injury treated on the field at the end of the over.

The incidents happened in the ninth over as South Africa. replied to India's 147 after the touring team had given another disappointing haning display. The crowd continued to boo and heckle Kapil whenever the ball went near him.

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Kapil was within his rights to remove the bails as he did, though it is an accepted courtesy to give the offending batsman a warning. Kapil. however, in the past nine days has already featured in three similar incidents with Kirsten and presumably decided that enough was enough.

Kapil warned Kirsten in the

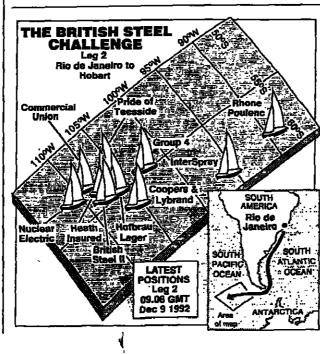
Test match at Johannesburg for backing up premanirely and in Monday's internationall at Cape Town he ran Kirsten out but did not appeal. Later in Monday's game he again removed the bails but the second time Kirsten had not left his ground. India slumped to 84 for

seven in the 36th over of the day-night match after winning the toss. Amre and More led a minor rally but there was never any likelihood of a large total. South Africa bowled with control and fielded spectacularly but India's batting and their running between the

wickets was abject. South Africa were 62 for three after 25 overs in reply.

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FALL OF WICKETS, 1-8, 2-40, 3-48, 4-65, 5-81, 6-82, 7-84, 8-118, 9-144

BOWLING: Donald 10-4-26-0; Schultz 9-1-35-1; Matthews 10-4-20-1; McMillan 9.4-0-32-4; Gronje 6-0-18-0; Callaghan 5-0-13-1.



Poor conditions testing trailing yachts

NUCLEAR Electric, skippered by John Chittenden, has maintained an 80-mile lead over Commercial Union at the head of the British Steel Challenge round-the-world yacht race fleet. The margin has been held for nearly a

Fortunately, there have been no further breakages of the forestay bottlescrews, which have failed on three boats in the past 72 hours. Many of the other yachts have run extra lines from the masthead to the bow in case of

Aboard Hofbrau Lager, one of the three boats to suffer, sail

repairs have been constant. Rebecca Slater, the sailmaker. has been stitching by torchlight continuously and the sail is now back in use. The feeling of comradeship that even a small emergency can generate in the right crew is tremendous," Tristan Lewis, one of Slater's 13 colleagues,

Rhone Poulenc, which had to call into the Falkland Islands last week for mast repairs, is now back in touch with the fleet. Despite two days at anchor in Port Stanley, the yacht is now less than a day's sailing behind InterSpray, the

Peter Phillips, the Rhone Poulenc skipper, reported that

they struggled round Cape Horn dispirited by the light weather which stopped them closing up on the rest of the field. Since then they have had strong winds and have been achieving the highest 12-hour mileages since last weekend. often as much as 30 to 40 miles per boat more in some cases. Conditions in the Southern Ocean, however, re-

main hostile. "It is intensely cold, particularly at night, with freezing water continually sweeping the decks and cockpit and decembers." drenching everybody," Phillips said,

Fortunately, the dry suits, although difficult to put on. and warm enough to work.
The boat is full of condensation, wet clothing and wet sails. It is a continuous battle to keep things under control

down below.
"Mixed into all of this are torrential rain and hail showers. Eating ranges between the difficult and the impossible. Often it is just a case of instant soup or whatever is to hand." Phillips said that, despite the conditions, morale remains

high.

LEADING POSITIONS (at 1500 GMT vesterday with miles to Hobert): 1, Nucleur Electric, 3,842; 2, Communicati Union, 3,825; 3, British Steol 8, 3,972; 4, Hoath Insured, 3,976; 5, Hobrau Lopor, 4,018; 8, Pride of Teosside, 4,000; 7, Coopurs and Lybrand, 4,054; 8, Group 4, 4,118; 9, American, 4,374; 10, Rhone Poulanc, 4,598

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HUGH ROUTLEDG

Scudamore can take Haydock by storm today by landing a treble with Her Honour (12.50). Paco's Boy (1.50) and Bighayir (2.20)

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Paco's Boy, my selection for the Ronnie Johnston Memorial Trophy, was runner-up to the course specialist Twin Oaks on his most recent visit to the Lancashire track three weeks ago.

As Paco's Boy was running off a mark 16lb out of the handicap proper that day, he did well to run Twin Oaks to seven lengths.

He also performed creditably to finish eight lengths ahead of the third, Otterburn House, who had won his only previous race this season at

MICHAEL PHILLIPS

Trix, for whom lasting this stamina test will not pose a problem. He has already won the Scottish National at Ayr

over a similar trip. His second to Kildimo in the Becher Chase at Aintree underlined that Four Trix is still a force to be reckoned with in this sort of company. However, Paco's Boy has youth on

his side. Glenbrook D'Or, who ran on strongly to win over three and a quarter miles at War-wick 12 days ago, looks the pick of the remainder.

Uttoxeter in fine style.

With the weights going up
29lb overnight, today's handicap is now headed by Four

Her Honour can get Pipe and Scudamore off to a good start by winning the Millingford Novices' Hurdle while

ing Hurdle.

Her Honour's debut over hurdles has been eagerly awaited ever since she ran away with a handicap over a mile and a half on the Flat at Newmarket at the end of October under 9st 5lb.

Four weeks earlier she had been claimed by Pipe's father, David, for £15,501 after she had won on soft ground at Salisbury. While Sweet Noble, The

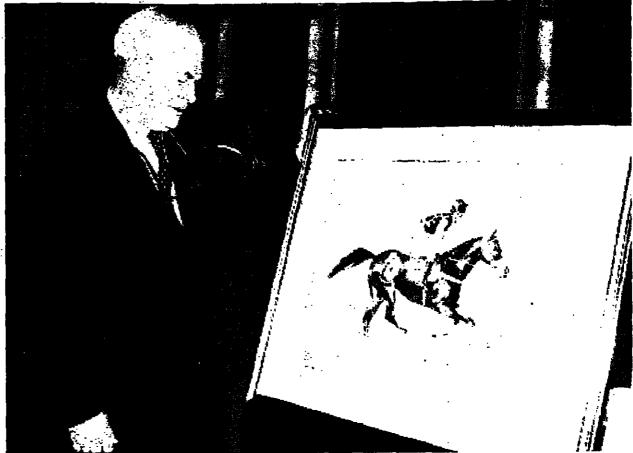
Titian Ghost, Firefighter and Major's Law all have some experience of hurdling, I am content to side with Her Honour in the knowledge that she is fit and that she has jumped well in practice.

Skipping Tim, the fourth member of the Pipe raiding party, should go well in the Boston Pit Veterans Handicap

Bighayir has the ability to Chase following a comfortable succeed in the Widnes Claim-victory on heavy ground at victory on heavy ground at Cheltenham last month, but I prefer Rifle Range, who will also relish the soft going.

Bishops Island, my choice for the Southport Bicentenary Novices' Chase, is entitled to the benefit of the doubt since he was going well when he made a bad mistake on his chasing debut at Newbury. His form over hurdles last season was useful.

Graham McCourt is entrusted with today's nap on Lo Stregone in the Hindley Green Novices' Hurdle, If the connections of this smart former Irish bumper were disappointed when he was beaten by High Alltitude on today's track three weeks ago, they had cause to revise their opinion after High Alltitude had won his next race in some style at Newcastle.



Tim Collins with his Courage National Hunt Owner of the Year award, a painting by Alex Charles-Jones of Remittance Man, winner of 12 of his 13 races over fences, including the

Queen Mother Champion Chase at Cheltenham last season. Collins, who received the award this week from Graham Kendrick, a director of Courage, confirmed that Remittance Man

would not race again this season following his tendon injury last month. Courage announced that Bill Gredley had been chosen as Owner of the Year for the 1992 Flat season.

HAYDOCK PARK

MANDARIN 12.50 Her Honour. 1.20 Bishops island. 1.50 Paco's Boy. 2.20 Bighayir. 2.50 Rifle Range. 3.20 LO STREGONE (nap).

THUNDERER 12.50 Her Honour. 1.20 Bishops Island. 1.50 Four Trix. 2.20 Bighayir. 2.50 Skipping Tim. 3.20 Lo Stregone.

RICHARD EVANS: 1.20 Bishops Island. 3.20 LO STREGONE (nap). The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.20 LO STREGONE.

GOING: SOFT, HEAVY PATCHES

12.50 MILLINGFORD NOVICES HURDLE

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1	0	BERONE & (R MicAlpine) & Rechards 10-12	_
2		BLANTERS URSUU 145F (Blampers Discotherue Lin) E Owen Jr 18-12 D J Burchell	-
3		EPLENAD 65F (Mrs C O'Hanion) W Clay 10-12	_
4	3	FIREFIGHTER 20 (J Miles) R Hollinshead 10-12 R Durwoody	89
5	60	RIAN 12 (W Farrell) Pi O'Leary 10-12 P Niven	92
6	4	NN NO DOUBT 12 (Heyrod Construction List) J J O'Neill 10-12	38
7	3	MAJOR'S LAW 19 (8F) (H Wiles) Campbell 10-12 T. Campbell	90
8		MAROVIRIS 37F (Whitehills Racing Syndicate) E Alston 10-12	_
9		PERSONAL HAZARD 212F (T Benneti) M H Easterby 10-12	-
B		STACKHOUSE BOY (E Briggs) G Richards 10-12	
1		SUEZ CAMAL 26 (Blue Disblo Associates) F Jordan 10-12 T Wall	
2	22	SWEET NOBLE & (Beswell Fixings Ltd) Jimmy Pizgerald 10-12	
13	2	THE TITAM GHOST 22 (Mrs. J Coathup) S Coathup 10-12 D.J Molfatt (5)	95
4	8	BARGA 25 (Mrs A Burton) W Clay 10-7	-
15		HER HONOUR 41F (Mrs & Farrant) M Pige 10-7	· -
TIME:	2-1 H	er Honour, 5-1 Sweet Noble, 8-1 Molar's Law, 10-1 The Titan Ghost, 12-1 Preficites, 14-1 in	No

1991: MEETING ARANDONED - FROST

FORM FOCUS

FRIEFIGHTER 101 3rd of 5 to Landed Gentry in a novice hundle at Lewsetter (2m. heavy). In 100 DOUBT 814 4th of 13 in Gavelon in a movice handle at Newcastle (2m 110yd, pood), with mixin a well-beaten 10th, MAJORTS (AM 111 3rd of 12 to Seagul Hollow in a novice hundle at Catterick (2m. good) Suez Canal 1714 4th of 13 to Kiveton Tycoon is a novice hundle at Modingham (2m., good) with

BARCA tailed-off 13th. SWEET MOBLE 47 2nd of 12 to Liability Order in a novice burdle at Cateriot. Con., sorth, with BARCAN 2941 7h. The ITAN ENDS 3341 2nd of 7 to Tiseas Scramble in a novice hastle over counts and distance (sorth, MER HONDUR Completed at leable on the Rat when besting Picz 31 in an 15-runner landicap at Newtoniant (in 41, poor).

Selection: SWEET MOBLE

1,20 SOUTHPORT BICENTENARY MOVICES CHASE

0 Magazin	: 188
1 12R411 VAIN PRINCE 19 (F.S) (A Findley) N Tinkler 5-11-4	. 60
2 DAYSAFE RALL BARRISTER 17 (E) (C Stockton) C Mash 7-11-0	, -
3 3122-5 BISHOPS ISLAND 12 (BF.S) (Lord Vestey) D Nicholson 6-11-0	-
4 OP/F MERE CLASS 6 (Nes P Eisbary) C Brooks 6-11-0 G Brader	! -
5 Q/06-4 OLD REDWOOD 21 (Halewood Vintress Ltd) D McCain 5-11-0	
6 /2003-3 REJORUS 14 (5) (C Gallows) A Strings 7-11-0 R Garrist 7 00-33 MSS SHAW 22 (Nes R Jones) E Ower J 6-10-9 C Gran	- 41
7 00-33 ISSS SPAN 22 (MS N JOSE) E URSU SI 9-10-9	-

COURSE SPECIALISTS JOCKEYS TRAINERS 40.2 36.2 21.3 19.1 16.7 14.9 38.6 30.9 25.6 25.0 21.4 19.0

1.50 ronnie Johnston Memorial Trophy Handicap Chase (24,682: 4m 110yd) (6 runners)

1	216242	FOUR TRIX 19 (0.5-6.5) (Mrs S Catherwood) & Richards 11-11-7	85
		PACO'S BOY 21 (B.C.F.G.S) (F Rooting Ltd) M Pipe 7-11-1 P Studemore	
		PLENTY CRACK 10 (6,5) (B Macaggart) B Madaggart 9-11-0 C Grant	
		ALL JEFF 41 (F.G.S) (Lady Jeseph) C Brooks 8-11-0 6 Bradley	
		GLENBROOK D'OR 12 (G.S) (T Leadbester) A J Wilson 8-10-2 L Harvey	
6	442555	OFF THE BRU 10 (G) (G Locinia) Mrs S Bractourus 7-10-0 Mr J Bractourus	3
ong	handicap;	Off The Bru 8-9.	
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BETTIMG: Evens Pace's Boy, 190-30 Four Trix, 9-2 Glenbook IT Ct., 13-2 All Jell, 12-1 Plenty Crack, 20-1 Cil The

FORM FOCUS

FOUR TROX 71 2nd of 9 to Xilotimo in a handicap stass at Anitree (Sim 31, good to soft), PAZOTS 90Y 71 2nd of 5 to Twin Colles in a handicap classo nere (Sim 41 110)rd, good to soft), PLENTY CRACK 1561 Alb of 11 to Bluff Knowl in a handicap classe at Celso (Sim 44, good to soft), with OFF THE BRU	(1lb bester off) 15i 5th. ALL JEFF 5%1 3rd of 1 Merry Master in a bandicap classe at Westherby 110yd, gods), GLEMBROOK D'OR best Ask Fi 6i in a 6-moner handicap classe Warwick (3m solf). Selection: PACO'S BOY				

2.20 WIDNES CLAIMING HURDLE (£1,548: 2m 4f) (7 runners)

		BIGHAYIR 25 (B,BF,F,G,5) (A Lomes) M Pipe 5-10-13	
2		VALUART WARROOM 12 (D.F) (P Selens) M Hammood 4-10-12	
3		AS D'EBOLL 9 (F) (N Jackson) Jimmy Frzgerald 5-10-10	
		SLETAN'S SON 23 (A Cohen) J Upson 5-10-8	
		TESEKKUREDERM 54 (Blue Star Racing Ltd) W Clay 5-10-8	
8	200-224	SANDFORD SPRINGS 14 (B) (R Williams) D Burchell 5-10-4	D.J. Burchell
7	0-	NELSON'S LASS 381 (Nelson Unit Liti) Mrs S Austo 4-10-2	J Corisell
		i Bighayla, 5-1 Sandlord Sprivgs, 7-1 Sultan's Son, Vallani Warnor. 10-1 As son's Lass.	D'Eboli, Tasaki

FORM FOCUS

BIGHAYIR 14341 5th of 9 to Jopanine in a handicap heade at Chellenham (2m 110yd, heavy). VALIANT WARRIDR best One Man 51 in an 11-miner novice
burdle at Wetherby on pecultimate start (2m 4)
110yd, good to firm). SULTAN'S SON 201 2nd of 5 to La Princesse in a nowice burdle at Wanwick (2m 4l 110yd, soft).

2.50 boston pit veterans handicap chase (£3.850: 2m 4f) (5 runners)

			and to remised	
ı	1	162251	SKIPPING TIM 25 (CO.F.E.S) (Miss H Bisgrove) M Pipe 13-11-10	
	2	11P/31	REPLE RANGE 28 (CD,G,S) (C Murphy) J J O'Hell 9-11-0	
	3	11-2623	THE ANTARTEX 19 (CD.S.S.) (Edinburgh Mill Ltd) & Richards 9-11-0 R Durwoody	
	4	4-51225	INTERM LIB 19 (D.F.G.S) (R Hunderson) Mas S Bradburne 9-10-12 Mr J Bradburne	
ļ	5	4F-1425	ROSCOE HARVEY 28 (D.BF.F.G.S) (J. Hitys Hants) C Brooks 10-10-3	
BETTING: 15-8 Ritle Range, 11-4 Skipping Tea, 3-1 The Asianies, 11-2 Interim Lib, 8-1 Roscoe Havey.				

BETTING: 15-8 Ritle Range, 11-4 Skipping Tex, 3-1 The Askarlex, 11-2 Interim Ltb, 8-1 Rascoe Harvey. FORM FOCUS				
SKIPPING TIM best Soler Cloud 31 in an 8-turner claiming classe at Chellentiam (2m di 110yd, heavy), REFLE RANGE best Bucklet 11 to 344 in a 4-miner handlesp classe at Ayr (2m 11, good to staft, THE ANTAFIEK 8563 and of 9 to Küldimo in a handlesp classe at Autree (2m 31, soft), with 04-manilesp classe at Autree (2m 31, soft), with 04-	TERMA LIB (4th beter off) 301 5th. INTERNAL I short-based 2nd of 5 th Cornel in a bandicap che af Ayr on posultimate san (2m. 41, post for sor ROSCOE HARVEY ½1 2nd of 6 th Bonsal Bud in handicap chases at Kemptom (2m. good to so Selection: RRIFLE RANGE (map)			

3.20 HINDLEY GREEN NOVICES HURDLE (£1,730: 2m 6f) (10 numbers) 21 SHANDUKT 23 (S) (Knightshridge BC) K Bailey 4-10-13 R Denotody 75

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3	11234-2	LO STREGORE 21 (BF.S) (Mrs S Clegg) T Tale 6-10-12	ę
4	6000AP-	LDUIS FARRELL 460 (J Nardozzo) D Burchell 7-10-12 Mr S Blackwell	
5		MARIDADE 335 (J Williams) M Wildeson 6-10-12 P Noven	
6	604-	RELITIC 251 GMIS D Hopbard C Broad 5-10-12	7
7	32/0P	SHEMING ART 21 (Chemp Chicken Co Ltd) D McCain 7-10-12	
.a	45-2	UNION CASTLE 24 (Mrs P Stew) J Edwards 6-10-12	8
9	5/4080	ZELS 31 (G Pierro) 6 Pierro 8-10-12	
10	3055-0	FILM MELADY 40 (Scotnarin Rectog Ltd) Mrs S Austin 4-10-7	ô
ĘŢ	TBMG: 6-5 L	o Stregace, 5-2 Union Costle, 3-1 Statutal, 14-1 Maridad, Retric, 20-1 Entiting Sean, 25-1	Ru

FORM FOCUS

DJAT best Lanschme 51 in a 13-moner thurde Chepsion (3m, soil). LO STREBONE of 10 in	Englar (2m 11, sod), LRNOW CASTIE 2 200 c Croft Mill to a novice hundle at Window (; 110) ut, sod), ROW MILADY 41941 84; of Emily's Sign to a novice hundle at Wednetby (; good), Selection: LO STREGONE

Parrett was killed by **leart** attack

OHN Parrett, the derk of the purse and managing director t Aintree, died of a heart ttack before falling from his forse while out hunting on uesday Parrett, aged 45, suffered

he heart attack as his horse pproached a fence and he fell into a road on the other side. Parrett's wife, Deborah, who was following the Wynnstay Hunt at Malpas in Cheshire by car, was immedlately informed. Peter Greenall, the chairman of Aintree, said: "John Parrett was one of the most talented people in the administration of British

racing. "He was at the forefront of a new generation who com-bined commercial and marketing skills with a throrugh knowledge of the grass roots of the industry. He will be badly

missed." Parrett, who had two children, was a keen rider in pointto-point races during the 1970s. Yet it was for his key role in the development of Aintree, the home of the Grand National, that he will be best remembered.

Appointed secretary at Aintree in 1983, he became clerk of the course in 1988. Parrett helped persaude Sengram to sponsor the Grand National in 1984, and then Martell, who took over

sponsorship this year. He was also a major force in staging the first non-Grand National meeting at Aintree for 20 years just two weeks ago and was due to take over as derk of the course at Chester next month.

MANDARIN

12.30 Girl Next Door, 1.00 Karamoja, 1.30 Lock Keeper, 2.00 Debsy Do, 2.30 Dance To Order, 3.00 Tempering, 3.30 Indian Endeavour. THUNDERER

12.30 Girl Next Door. 1.00 Karamoja. 1.30 East Barns. 2.00 Panikin. 2.30 Major Thumph. 3.00 Tempering. 3.30 Lincstone Boy.

GOING: STANDARD DRAW: 5F-1M; LOW NUMBERS BEST

12.30 quick step nursery handicap (2-Y-0: £2,322: 6f) (9 runners)

2 DRACE DEPARTMENT OF CASE IN FLAT M CARPINES 9-3
3 ST12 MAIT BUSH 10 (D) M Heaton-Eile 9-0 W Ryan 2
4 5000 BAJNA 48 R Splore 8-9 A Barta (S) 4
5 2060 MISSED THE BOAT 47 T Berron 9-9 A Minchell 9-8
6 3600 COMEY WHEN POOL 12 (2) PA Minchell 9-8 A Manuses 5
6 3600 COMEY WHEN POOL 12 (2) PA Minchell 9-8 A Manuses 9
7 0001 TES-BEAR 7 (0) P Henting 9-8 (1) Product 9-8 L Center (7) 7
8 5042 GRIL MEXT DOUR 8 J Pricerting 7-13 Chaire Bailing (7) 8
9 000 JOELUSE 22 J Building 7-13 Chaire Bailing (7) 8
9-4 Max Bosh, 3-7 Get Most Door, 5-1 Broadstake Beach, 6-1 Teo-Envir, 7-1 Taragome, 8-1 Cornet Withingood, 14-1 Missed The Boat, 20-1 others.

1.00 RUMBA CLAIMING STAKES (Div L \$2,343: 1m 4f) (10)

Alex Greates 2 Alex Grazeds 2

4 S142 SRON BARON 42 (CD,8.5) R Hoffstrand 3-8-5. W Ryan 10

5 8232 KARAMOIA 13 (E.5) R Hoffstrand 3-8-5. W Ryan 10

6 8232 KARAMOIA 13 (E.5) R Morten 3-8-5. Doan McClorum 5

7 0000 GESNETA 16 (f) K Wide 4-8-2. Doan McClorum 5

8 PROSPECT OF WHITEY 42 P Pritcined 6-8-2. G barded 8

9 955 BY FAR 47J 0 (Yell) 8-8-1. D Wight (7) 9

10 0-00 PPS 07 MSST 94 P Folden 3-7-13. Date Gibson 6

6-4 Karamoja, 2-1 Iron Baron, 8-1 Thumberbird One, 10-1 By Fer, 12-1 others.

1.30 TANGO HANDICAP (£2,469: 1m) (14)

1. JU TANGO HANDICAP (22,469: 1m) (14)

1. G-50 GRESI'S SEAGO 21/ (8,C,D) J Hants 4-10-0. S Wyses (7) 1

2. 497: REBAL LAD 31 (S) R Spice 7-34-12. M 1989 4

3. 5060 SERIOUS ACTION 10 M PRISCO 3-8-12. C Nutre 11

4. 0-00 CANDISCO 30 (C7) R Spice 5-4-9. A Santh (5) 5

10. 500 SIGEMAR 8 (F) M ICROMINE 6-4-9. S D Williams (5) 6

6. 4510 PREPOLYPERSIA/SION 34 (6) R Noticohard 4-5-7. W Ryses 8

7. 3063 NORTH R-VER 14.0 D BUTCH 3-5-5. Deep Nickom 9

8. 1542 LOCK KEEPER 8 (CD) J Machin 6-9-5. Deep Nickom 9

9. 3063 CLAUDIA MISS 54 (5) W Hatin 5-9-5. Deep Nickom 9

10. 0000 CASHTAL NAZZER 8 (F.S) N Talder 5-9-2. Kins Trider 2

11. 5461 EAST BARRIS 8 (K.C.D.F) 1 Garris 4-9-2 (700) Alar Greywel 1

12. 0030 CHOCE LOT 1914 (6) T Cardinel 5-6-11. C Deep Nickom 1

13. 0256 THISONESPORALIZE 831 (V) A Harrison 4-9-7. A Musro 12

14. 10010 CDRT OROP BOMES 8 N.C.D) A Scall 3-8-4. Deep Riscons 3

15. 1 Lock Keeper 4-1 East Barris, Road Lad, 6-1 Thisonestoratica. 7-1 Claudia 7-2 Lock Keeper, 4-1 East Barre, Rusal Led, 6-1 Thiomestoralics, 7-1 Claudia MSS, 19-1 Don't Doop Bombs, 12-1 Friendlypersession, Sugernar, 14-1 others.

COURSE SPECIALISTS TRANSFIS: A South, 4 winners from 15 runners, 25,0%; T Barron, 54 from 228, 23,7%; J Pearce, 7 from 36, 19,4%; P Mekin, 8 from 42, 19,9%; M Prescut, 18 from 89, 18,0%; B Elector, 4 from 23, 17,4%; OCKEYS: G Foster, 3 winners from 7 rides, 42,9%; Alex Greenes, 53 from 195, 27,2%; C Meking, 3 from 20, 15,0%; W Ryan, 14 from 94, 14,9%; D Micholis, 16 from 108, 14,7%; O Biggs, 15 from 107, 14,0%. 2.00 FOX TROT HANDICAP (\$2,354: 71) (9) 0640 SIZOJNE SABA 30 (F.S) J Witzner 4-10-8... Dean McKerowi 10-0 AFFAIR OF STATE 83 (E.S) M Creamon 3-9-9................... G Carte 2 10-10 APTAM 17 STATE OB 253 In Attention 3-7-9 O Collection 3-7-9 O 9-4 Panildo, 7-2 Debay Do, 4-1 Alfresor's Male, 11-2 Stating Sage, 7-1 Sandmoor Denim, 10-1 Essileigh, 12-1 Pop To Sans, 14-1 others.

2.30 JIVE MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-0; £2;448: 71) (11)

	1		BADAWA C Allen 9-0 B. Forster	
	2	6550	BUZZ-B-BABE 91 B Effects 9-0 S D William	ß.
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	7		WOODLANDS BLECTRIC 52 P Printered 9-0 J WI	
	ė	•	GRITON BELLE M Usher 8-9	
	ğ	•	MAJOR TRUMPH 23 G Basery 8-9	
	10	-	NYMPH ERRANT P Makin 8-9	
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	11	0002	SCOFFERA 8 N Tinkler 8-9	м
	1 14	aler Tri	umph, 11-4 Scotless, 7-2 Dance To Order, 6-1 Keep Bo	
	1	T- "	ani, 10-1 Girton Belle, 12-1 Ruano, 20-1 others.	-
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3.00 RUMBA CLAIMING STAKES (DIV II: £2,343: 1m 4f) (9)	
1 0254 MAPLE BAY 23 K WORE 3-9-1	J Willer
2 6235 TEMPERING 13 (CD,F) D Chapmer 6-8-11	& Wo
3 B-00 URASSUMERO 38J (B.F.S) J Pictoring 4-8-10	_ D Niicho
4 0000 BELEVE IN ME 18 B MeMaton 3-8-9	M H
5 42-3 SWASMAN 335 (CD) 8 Richrond 5-8-9	G Car
6 OO/ COSE GAME 780 Gracese Ros 48-7	. S Webs
7 4300 BASSIO 236 (C.F.E) C Allen 3-8-5	
B 3554 MAJESTIC SINCLAIR 13 (5) it Hollinshead 3-8-1	A Mar
9 5050 FAUSTRLUCE LADY 80 6 Ham 3-7-8	100
2-1 Tempering, 11-4 Maple Say, 4-1 Majestic Stucker, 5-1 Sag assuming, 12-1 Bassio, 14-1 Ballione in Me, 25-1 others.	gmax, &1

3.30 VIENNESE WALTZ HANDICAP

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SOUTHWELL: 100 Gesnera. 1.30 Green's Seago, Thiso alica. 3.00 Majestic Sinclair.

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MANDARIN 12,40 Amtrak Express 1.10 Nazzaro. 1.40 Whats Your Problem 2.10 Passed Pawn. 2.40 Powder Boy.

THUNDERER 12:40 Amtrak Express 1.10 Tudor Da Samba. .40 SMARTIE EXPRESS (nap). 2.10 Swilly Express. 2.40 Northern Saddler. 3.10 Special Account. 3,10 Nan's Boy.

3.40 Cabochon. RICHARD EVANS; 2.10 Passed Pawn.

	GOIN	NG: GO	DO TO SOFT, SOFT PATCHES	:
	12		ASHILL NOVICES HURDLE (Div I: £1,502: 2m 1f) (
ļ	1	15	AMOTRAK EXPRESS 40 (6) (Amerik Parcels Ltd) N Henderson 5-10-12	J Kasanagh,
1	2	30	CHANDIGARH 12 (M Broke) R Lee 4-10-12	A Maguke
ı	3	D	GREEN'S TRALOGY 28 (K Custostauck) K Clastierhuck 4-10-12	A Wingate (7)
ı	4		NYMGHOE 514F (Mrs H Fullerton) Mrs H Fullerton 4-10-12	
Į	5	1-0	KELLING 47 (S) (P Bather) P Nacholis 5-10-12	M A Rizgerald
ı	6	DOTU-	MANOR MAN 259 (Mrs & Baker) M Wallerie 5-10-12	
ı	7	23-6	MOST RICH 25 (Mrs C) Padieti) T Forsier 4-10-12	H Davies
I	8		PATHERIDER FORCE 793F (S Powell) P Hedger 4-10-12	
Į] 9	0P250-	THE MINDER 323 (G Edwards) G Edwards 5-10-12	14r D Saller (7)
ı	10		GLEN PARISH 250 (Non-Stop Promotions & Marketing Ltd) G Humplery 7	
ı	11		KOULOURA 246 (E Date) Mrs J Reter 6-10-7	
	12	F	NEARLY HONEST 14 (J. Culton) R Hodges 4-10-7	A Tory
ı	13	3002-FF	RURI FAST FOR GOLD 14 (S Mason) & Batching 5-10-7	J Frost
ı	14	P.	SPERT LEVEL 356 (J Payne) J Payne 4-10-7	D Gallagher
l	BETT	NG: 11-4	Americk Express, 9-2 Most Rich, 5-1 Kelling, 6-1 Run Fast Fot Gold, 8-1 Cl	nandigarh, 12-1 i
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ı			1001: WESTER STREET S. 11.4 D Condenses (S. S. Sui) M Sins 14 cm	

٠,	10	HARD SELLING HUNDLE (£1,344; ZII) 11) (10 IUBEIS)
1	10P-458	CAROMANDOO 16 (B,G,S) (Mrs R Haeley) A Barrey 4-12-0
Ž	030 0P 5	TREMBALINO 19 (D Henner, P Rodland, S Wattons) P. Rodland 4-11-5 1 Shortmark
3	9P9P-00	TSAR ALEOS 7F (J. Warren) C Popham 4-11-5
4		HARRY'S JOY 307F (D Tucker) D Tucker 4-11-0
5	52034	MAMALAMA 64 (J Bridger) J Bridger 4-11-8,
6		SINGING REPLY 29F (A Mazzonia) D Maris 4-11-0
7	90	DRAGON SPRIT 42 (J Joseph) R Frozi 3-10-5
6	32	NAZZARO 23 (A Morrish) W G M Tomer 3-10-5 R Dades (7)
9		PRE PARKT 401F (L Snoot) J Alemust 3-10-5
10	PP	THE GORPOCK 37 (V) (E Lodge) A Chamberlan 3-10-5
11		TUDOR DA SAMBA 55F (B) (Pipe/Scutzmore Racing Club) M Pipe 3-10-5 J Lower
12	P05	WAYWARD SON 9 (8) (7 09/m) 7 Etsennoise 3-10-5 M Richards
13	064	COOCHE 14 (Duckhaven Stort) R Baker 3-10-0 W Invice
14	\$3	DAILY SPORT CIFEL 19 (B Liewellyn: B Liewellyn: 3-10-0 Mr J L Liewellyn: (7)
15		FRIE AS FIVEPENCE 48 (Mrs R Bott) Mrs A Knight 3-10-0
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5	P32P-54	ZUMMERSET 21 (C.F.G.S) (P Malby) A Berrow 10-10-10 S Berrough 88
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5 GR2148 MISS SIMONE 15 (5) (J Cook) N Truction-Davies 6-11-7
6 354/6 LATE CLIT 21 (C Bain) M Pipe 7-17-0 J. Court
7 POS-323 YOUGHTLY ARELIS 37 (South Water Argus Ltd) S Shenwood 5-10-8
8 5-UFS4P ALLO GEORGE 44 (Lavis Medical Systems) Mrs J Woorracok 6-10-4
9 2/PSS- ARCTIC RULER 345 (Pessentore Partnershap) D Murray Statis 6-10-3 D Gallagher
10 OPP4-F2 DAVES DELECT 23 (Miss S Waterman) Miss S Waterman 6-10-2 Mr O Salter (7)
11 PS40-63 HAPPY HORSE 9 (I Manning) D Barons 5-10-1 N Hawks
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1991: POACHER'S DELIGHT 5-9-9 D Rictment (4-1 by) Mrs S Williams 14 cm 3.40 ASHILL HOVICES HURDLE (Div II: £1,495; 2m 1) (14 runners)

BETTIMS: 7-4 Cabochon, 5-2 Emerald Storm, 7-2 Welsh Singer, 6-1 Smiling Chief, 10-1 others. 1991: WDODURATHER 5-11-4 P Scotlamore (6-5 tav) M Pipe 14 ran

The Fellow remains favourite

THE Fellow remains 11-8 favourite with Corals to win a second successive King George VI Chase at Kempton on Boxing Day after the latest acceptance stage yesterday.
Twenty stand their ground, including last year's second Docklands Express, Bradbury Star, Kings Fountain, Minn-

ehoma and Tipping Tim. The Fellow finished third to Sibton Abbey on unsuitably soft ground in the Hennessy at Newbury last month. "He is fine and took the Hennessy. very well," Doumen said. Run For Free, trained by Martin Pipe, was backed again with the sponsors yesterday and is now 5-2 favourite

(from 3-1) for the Coral Welsh

National

Cool Ground, the Gold Cup winner, was the major omission at yesterday's forfeit, leaving 35 acceptors. He is now likely to bid for a third victory in the Anthony Mildtnay, Peter Cazalet Chase at Sandown in the new year. ☐ Declan Murphy rides Kribensis in the Bula Hurdle at Chehenham on Saturday following Richard Dunwoody's decision to partner Morley

RESULTS FROM YESTERDAY'S TWO MEETINGS

Haydock Park

CSF: 214.46

12.55 (2m.ch) 1, LAST 'O' THE BUNCH (N Doughy, 4-9 tay!; 2, Bankstand (R Dunwoody, 14-1); 3, Clay County (B Storey, 9-4), 3 ran 6, 25l. G Richards at Ginystoke Tote £1.40. DF: £2.40. CSF: £4.17

1.25 (2m 4f) 1, MIGHTY MOGUE, (R Dunwoody, 30-100 fax), 2, Ambuscade (P Niven, 6-1); 3, Bostin William (R Garnity, 6-1), ALSO RAN' 150 Sainty Path (4th), 4 ran. NR: Mile Mij. G. 20l. det D Nicholson at Templa Guting, Tote: £1.50. DF: £1.70. CSF: £2.35. After a stewards' enquiry, result stood.

1.55 (3m.ch) 1, TWIN OAKS (R Dunwoody,

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1.55 (3m ch) 1, TWIN OAKS (R Duriwoody, 5-4 tax); 2, Par's Jester (N Doughry, 11-5); 3, Espry (G Bradley, 12-1), ALSO RAN: 13-2 Kadimo (44h), 66 Okt Road (pu), 5 ran 12, 15, 12, G Richards at Graystoke. Tota: 52.00; 51.10, \$1.40. OF: \$1.80. E2.00; E1.10, E1.40. DF: E1.80,
2.25 (3m ch) 1. WHISSPERING STEEL (N. Doughty, 8-13 lay); 2. Channets Gate (N. Williamson, 11-1); 3. After Four (James Jones, 25-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 Man's Best Frend (4th), 9 Cetter France (pu), 12 Sty Variture (3th), 40 Vary Cheening (pu), 7 ran. 4, 12, 12, Ind. G. Richards at Greystoke Tote: £1.50, £1.20, £3.20. DF: £5.20. CSF: £8 14.

EB 14.

2.55 (2m hole) 1, BALLYLORD (A Dobbin, 4-1), 2. Nijmegen (G Tomey, 3-1 tev); 3. Entant Du Paradis (B Clifford, 11-1), ALSO RAN-9-2 Whitewebb, 7 Celckus (f), Family Line (5th), 9 Burfa Ser (4th), 11 Kalsam (6th), 14 Howgill 25 Hagler, Bihan Melicity, 50 Dreachought, 12 ran, NR-Vilang Ventura 34, 7, 11, 11, 11, J O'Neaf at Penner, Tote 53-19; 51-80, 52-00, 52-50, DF: 53-19, CSF: 517-24, Tricast; 5120-20.

3.25 (2m 71 110)rd hole) 1, HELIOPSIS (P Niven, 4-6 tay); 2, Orisi Dream (A Lamach, 5-2); 3, Vado Via (W Maraston, 7-2), 3 ran, 41, hd. M Hermmond at Middleham. Tote: 51-60, DF: 51-70, CSF: 52-54.

Placepoot: 55.10.

Lingfield Park Lingfield Park
Going: standard
12-40 (im) 1. CHRISTIAN SPIRIT (R Perham, 50-1), 2. Strictly Porsonal (D
Holland, 9-4); 3. Passy Grimes (Dean
McKeown, 11-2), ALSO RAN, 11-8 fav
Village Green, 10 Heart Of Spain (4th), 20
Coven Moon (5th), Roser's Gold (6th), Tactum, Mediard, 100 Doogardy, Young
Sparkie, 11 ran, Hd, 11, 71, V-1, 251 R
Hannon at Mariborough, Tote: 525-70;
23.90, £1.10, £2.00, DF, £18.10, CSF:
£152.86, Irnih 39.879ec
1.10 (77) 1, ABSONAL (A McGlone, 3-1
lav); 2, Chance Report (N Carlisle, 20-1);
3, Ulladulla (R Perham, 10-3), ALSO RAN;
9-2 Sunley Stes; (5th), 8 Toshiba Comet,
10 Certain Lady, Bel Barela (6th), 20 Lifmore Dancer, Looting (4th), 33 Life's A
Breezze, Mister Lawson, Offas Intage, Sol
Rouge, 50 Cumbran Caveller, Dal Mes.
15 ran, NR: Cretoes Dancer Nik, 4, 4i, 4,
44, R Harmon at Mariborough: Tote:
£3.10; £1-40, £5-40, £1-70, DF, £22.70.
CSF: £57.43, Imm 25-Resec. Haydock Park
Going: soft, heavy patches
12.25 (2m hdle) 1, MAJED (P Niven, 6-4
key), 2, Couldn't Be Better (G Bradley,
7-1): 3, The Gooler (A Megure, 13-2;
ALSO RAN: 6 Dutest, 15-2 Westholme
(4th), 8 Moving Out (5th), 10 Astings, 20
croud Ring (6th), 25 Kano Warnor, 5cm
Seat, Flying Down to Rio, 33 Pertemps
Jobshop, 50 Cronk 5 Courage (pu), Ferrulino (pu), Perry Smotlest, 66 Littledate (ur),
Linger Hit, 100 La Stranagenza (D, Shier's
Grit, Edward Seymour, 20 ran, Hd, 10, 364,
101, 31 Mrs G Reveley at Salbrum, Tote
22.90; £1.20, £2.60, £2.00 DF £15 10,
CSF: £14.46

CSF: 257.43. Imin 25.66sec.

1.40 (7f) 1. SIR NORMAN HOLT (R. Lappin, 11-4 fav); 2. On Y Va (M. Hills, 10-1); 3. Scots Law (D. Biggs. 16-1). ALSO RAN; 7:2 Vuchteshedrer (RN), 5. Const Flutier, 11-2 Albert The Bold (5th), 12 Tender Moment, 14 Joho (4th), 20 Tulapet, 25 The Cuckor's Nest, 50 Enterprise Lady, 11 ren, kl. 3l, 3l, 1l, hd. F. Lae at Wilmstow, Tole 55 00, £1.80, £2.50, £3.90. DF £13.30. CSF: £28.57. Tricest: £345.78 Imin 25.65sec.

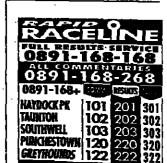
2345,78 Imm 25,65sec.
2.10 (1m) 1, KILLICK (J. Culmn, 7-4 fev); 2, Tactora (T. Culmn, 6-1); 3, Kingchip Boy (D. Biggs, 7-2) ALSO RAN: 11-2 Tama's Delight, 10 Buddy's Friend (5th), 14 Dencing Beau (4th), 20 Barbara's Culle, Lucknam Syle (8th), 25 May Square, Osgahorpe, Kahly Fair, 50 Hariton Harry, 12 ran, 41, 51, 31, sh hd, 51, R. Peacodt at Malmesbury, Tote: 52,70; 51,10; 52,80, 51,90, DF: 59,00, CSF: £13,32, Tricast: 53,48, Timi 38,99sec.

23,46. Imm 39,9459.
2.40 (1m 2) 1, TAUNTING (5 McCarthy, 25-1); 2, Awesome Power (D Gibbs, 13-8 tay); 3, Vs Utu (G Rothwell, 12-1), ALSO RAN; 11-4 Sarah-Clare (6th), 5 Practicus At (4th), 13-2 Dancing Boat (5th), 12-Jol's Great, 16 Royal Acctairn, 66 Lorica D'Or, 9 ran, 5h hd, 8l, sh hd, 1sl, 11 M Blanshard at Upper Lambourt, Toer, 245, 70; £7,00, £1,20, £3,10, DF; £381,20, CSF; £64.7 Incast, £505,00, 2nn 8,778ec. 3.10 (1m 4f) 1, EL VOLADOR (W Ryan; 7-2 fav); 2, Strat's Legacy (J Quinn, 11-2);

3. Lady Lacey (J. Williams, 4-1) ALSO RAN. 11-2 Sharp Top, 7 Breakdancer, 8 Pleasure Ahead (6th), 10 Naseer, 16 Carlowic, 5th), 20 Selesy, El Dominio (4th), 25 Charnoleer, 33 Monscoma, 50 Lady Westgele, 68 Burracoppin 14 ran. NR Citton Chase 1:51, 27-1, 21-1, 51-1, 10, 12, 150, 12-90, 12-40 DF; 516-20, CSF, 523, 75, Tricast: 678 02, 2mn 33.03esc. C23.75. Tricast: £78 02. 2min 33.03sec.
3.40 (1m) 1, MR CUBE (1" Curra, 6-4 tav);
2. Convoy (M Hitis, 9-2); 3. One Off The Rail (Candy Morns, 8-1). ALSO RAN, 5. Halliam Tâm (4m), 11-2 Beyond The Limit, 12 Fradiol, Jack (8m), 20 One More Pound, Ballacascade (5th), 25 Elegani Ellie, Miss Piglet, Persian Star, 11 ran, 21, 101, rst. P.Cole at Whistoombe, Totis: 22.60; c1.10, 21.80, £2.60 DF; £5.60 GSF; £9.67 No official time recorded Duc to poor visibility, only first three distances available.

Placepot: £33.00. Fox elected

Sir Paul Fox was confirmed as the new chairman of the Racecourse Association at an extraordinary meeting of its 59 members in London yesterday. His term runs for three years from March 2, 1993, when the current chairman, J J Warr, will be retiring.



Wimbledon player risks rise in penalty

Jones lodges appeal against £20,000 FA fine over video

By Our Sports Staff

VINNIE Jones, the Wimbledon player who was fined a record £20,000 for his connection with a video entitled Soccer's Hard Men. yesterday decided to lodge an appeal with the Football Association (FA) against the fine and sixmonth suspended ban. But Jones, 27. risks having to pay even more if the decision goes the video. against him at a date to be fixed after Christmas.

"If the appeal is lost, the commission's options include increasing the fine, the suspension, or both," an FA official said.

Jones was found guilty on a disrepute charge three weeks ago after the FA decided his involvement in the controversial video tarnished the game's image. On it, the former Leeds, Sheffield United and Chelsea player commentates about unsavoury match incidents, including raking studs down an opponent's shin and

grabbing private parts.

Jones, who defended himself, was shocked by the severity of a fine almost three times larger than the previous highest on an individual player. At the time Jones said: "It's a lot of money to save up but I'll pay and get it over with."

Club hopes to cash in on cup-tie

SCARBOROUGH expect to have their ground capacity raised to 9.601 for their Coca-Cola Cup fourth-round tie with Arsenal on December 23 after an approach to North Yorkshire county council (Martin Searby writes). The extra 1,424 customers will ensure record receipts for the third-division club.

Scarborough's average league attendance is 1,688, only 109 better than the lowest, Halifax, and they expect to make a profit of around £21.000 from their biggest pay-day since their match against Wolverhampton Wanderers five years ago, their first after winning promotion to the Football League, which

vielded £19,754. "This match is not about money or we would have cashed in," Geoffrey Richmond, the chairman said. "We had three alternatives: to switch to a neutral ground like Elland Road, which could have generated £100,000; to increase prices; or to keep faith with the fans and our business

sponsors.
"I know we haven't many supporters but they are the only ones we've got."

More people will see the Arsenal tie than turned out in total to watch the three previous home games in the competition against Bradford City. Coventry City and Plymouth Argyle. Richmond said: "The demand has been phenome-

His change of heart seems to have been influenced by the Wimbledon owner, Sam Hammam, who was furious with the verdict, claiming it was out of step with previous cases and penalised Wimbledon although Jones was at another dub when making

'If the suspended ban stays in force it will devalue our player," Hammam said. "If Wimbledon were relegated and we tried to sell Vinnie because we could no longer afford his wages, who would buy him with this suspended sentence hanging over him?"

FA regulations stipulate that clubs cannot pay players' fines or appeal on their behalf. But Hammam added: "Vinnie can give us something back and help us a great deal."

A new three-man commission will be appointed by the FA to hear the appeal. A member of the original commission will give evidence as to why the verdict was reached. On a brighter note, the

Leyton Orient managing di-rector. Frank Clark, was yesterday given a new job — as the manager's manager. Clark, 49, has been appointed chief executive of the

League Managers' Associ-ation but he will continue at Brisbane Road after being given permission by the chairman, Tony Wood, to combine both posts.

"My chairman is quite happy about it," Clark said. "Far from creating a clash of interests, the two roles are in many respects complementary. With a foot in both camps I'm ideally placed to convince people that the LMA is a oositive organisation.

"Our main objective is to try to make a major contribution to the game's welfare in future. A key part of the LMA job is to meet managers and find out their views on issues of the moment. I already do a lot of that in my daily activity at

Clark will take over as chief executive on January 1 from John Camkin, 70, a former Coventry director, who will become the secretary. The post is made possible by sponsorship from Barclays Bank. ☐ West Ham were vesterday given a work permit for the

Canadian international striker. Alex Bunbury, 25, for whom they have set up a £200,000 transfer with the Supra club, of Montreal.

Anglo-Italian Cup players see red

By Louise Taylor

SHOULD the Anglo-Italian Cup be renamed The Red Card Trophy? Intended to promote goodwill, the competition between English first division sides and those from Italy's Serie B has prompted a rash of sendings off.

Four more players were dismissed during Tuesday night's round of matches. Paul Walsh, the Portsmouth striker, retaliated after being brought down by Roberto Marta, of Lucchese, at Fratton Park and both received their marching orders before Ports mouth went on to win 2-1 in a

Group A match. In the same group, Ascoli parties to a 22-man fracas at Newcastle United last month - had Rosario Pergolizzi sent off in a 1-1 draw at

Birmingham.

Brentford top Group A thanks to a 1-0 win at Cesena. where Joe Allon's eightiethminute goal in front of 450 spectators preserved his side's unbeaten Anglo-Italian Cup record.

Allon, has now scored four times for Brentford since his £275.000 transfer from Chelsea last month. He began his career at Newcastle United, who suffered their heaviest defeat of the season, losing 3-0 at Bari. Cappochiano scored

twice for the Italians. Newcastle, the winners of the cup when it was last staged in the 1970s, now have no chance of qualifing for the semi-finals. Not that Kevin

Keegan, their manager. seemed overly bothered - he fielded only three regular firstteame players in Italy.

Tuesday's other dismissal came in a Group B match at Bristol City, who had David Thompson, a substitute, sent off. City's 2-1 defeat to Reggiana means that they have lost all three international stage matches and have no chance of progressing further.

Derby County could yet make the semi-finals, but they lost 3-1 at home Serie B who also went top of Group B. It was the seventh time County have lost at the Baseball Ground this season.

West Ham United kept in contention for the latter stages with a 1-0 Group B win at Cosenza courtesy of a goal from Clive Allen, while, in the same division, Kenny Irons gave Tranmere Rovers a 1-0 win at Pisa.

Steve Moran, Alan Ball's first signing on becoming Exeter City manager 16 months ago, repaid Ball's faith on Tuesday by scoring a hat-trick as Exeter demolished Torquay United 5-0 at home in the first round of the Autoglass Trophy.

Brian Honour, the Hartlepool United winger, helped the second division club to a 4-1 home win against Scarborough in the Autoglass Trophy. Honour scored one of Hartlepool's goals and made two



TENNIS

Agassi reveals his need for guiding fire of McEnroe

By Andrew Longmore, Tennis correspondent

ONE of the more unlikely partnerships might be forged over the next year, if Andre Agassi has his way. After his defeat by Michael Chang in the first round of the Grand Slam Cup in Munich yesterday, Agassi announced that he intended to enlist the help of John McEnroe in an attempt to add a more competitive

edge to his game.
As if rehearsing for the role. McEnroe sat at the side of the court for much of Agassi's match, having earlier postponed his own competitive singles farewell with a comprehensive victory over Nicklas Kulti in the opening match. McEnroe served 12 aces in his 6-1, 6-4 win, but the end might be nigh. McEnroe plays Goran Ivanisevic in the quarter-final today.

Quite what form the McEnroe-Agassi axis will take is as yet unknown. For a start, given the understandably delicate state of the McEnroe psyche after his well-publicised marital troubles, the question is: who will be the one lying on the couch?

The logistics of the partner-

ship could be difficult." Agassi explained. "John has a lot of things going on in his mind right now and so it just a question of finding the time to put our energies into it."

The organisers gave Mo-Enroe compassionate leave of absence from his compulsory post-match press conference yesterday because of the "unbearable personal pressures" on him. If he is absent again today, he could be fined up to \$10,000, which would be a suitable ending to a controver-sial career. He will earn a minimum of \$300,000.

The potential union of the two Wimbledon champions has a certain undeniable logic to it. Agassi, as his patchy record shows, has trouble motivating himself for anything other than the big occasion; McEnroe's career has been characterised and blighted in equal measure by an excess of competitive zeal. Should McEnroe unearth hidden reserves of determination within

Agassi's fragile mind, the Las Vegan could yet reach his target of becoming the best player in the world. He cer-tainly has McEnroe's instinct and touch.

"One thing I need when I step on court is to ready, willing and prepared to win. A lot of times I'm not." Agassi said. "In grand slams and Davis Cup, I'm prepared to dig as deep as it takes to win, but I don't feel that way the majority of time. John can help me in that way and we have plans to work together. The plan apparently has the blessing of Agassi's long-time coach, Nick Bollettieri, who was also at courtside vesterday. though not within McEnroe's

Neither the presence of McEnroe nor Father Christmas, who made a brief appearance midway through the second set, could help Agassi's adjustment from the slow, hard courts of the Davis Cup final to the quicker carpet surface of the Olympiahalle. Unlike Pete Sampras, who had arrived from Fort Worth on Monday night, Agassi had accompanied McEnroe to New York and not reached Munich until Tuesday. Chang had been in town since Friday and was only too eager to exploit his compatriot's lack of

For once, Agassi did not give up the ghost at the first sign of trouble. Though he lost the first set on a double-fault and dropped an early break in the second with a careless volley, five of the eight games in the second set went to deuce. He was also given a code violation for ball abuse, though he would have been better off hitting his volleys with more force. Chang was given too much time to execute the inevitable stream of passes, two of which - one backhand. one forehand - completed his 6-4, 6-2 victory in 100 minutes. "It was a shot in the dark," Agassi said. McEnroe did not wait to see the end.

RESOLTS: First round: R Krajcek (Hoff) bt E Sánchez (Sp), 6-3, 6-2; J McErmoe (US) bt.N Kulti (Brey, 6-1, 6-4; M Chang (US) bt A Agasta (US), 6-4, 6-2.

RUGBY UNION

London look to solid centre pair

By David Hands. Rugby correspondent

LONDON's wealth of talent was amply illustrated yesterday when they bought Fran Clough and Damian Hopley together for the game against the South and South-West at Gloucester on Saturday, which will have a critical influence on the ADT Divi-

sional championship. Clough, who will be required to pass a fitness test on strained hip ligaments this evening, and Hopley form one of the more substantial centre pairings in domestic rugby: at off I in and off 2 in, respectively, both weigh about 15 stone.

London prefer them to John Buckton and Mark Evans and make a third change to the

side that beat the Midlands

26-16 by including Alex Snow at lock. Snow, fit after recovering from concussion, replaces Mark Russell, which means that London play at least one recognised lock, after choosing to go into last Saturday's game with five loose forwards. Hopley's selection gives him

the platform from which to revive his challenge for a place in the England squad, notably against Phil de Glanville, who won his first cap as a replacement against South Africa last month

The South-West will play de Glanville and Jeremy Guscott on Saturday in a side unchanged from that which beat the North 29-9. That means there is no place for Victor

Ubogu, capped twice at tighthead prop by England this season; Ubogu has not played for three weeks because of a rib injury, and the divisional selectors are happy to give John Mailett another outing.
The North, who play the

Midlands at Waterloo, will be without Dewi Morris and Wade Dooley, the England internationals, both of whom have rib injuries. David Scully plays at scrum half and David Baldwin, the England B player, comes into the second row.

LONDON DIVISION (Waspa unless stated): A Buzza; S Piigrim, F Claugh, D Hopley (Cambridge University), D O'Leary (Saraceres): R Andrew, S Batae; J Leonard (Hartequins), B Moore (Hartequins), J Probyn, M Stenner (Baccheath), A Snow (Hartequins), R Langhorn (Hartequins), J Cassel (Saracers), D Ryen

Burke chooses Ireland instead of England

PAUL Burke, who added an under-21 appearance with England in October to his English Schools caps, has thrown in his lot with Ireland (David Hands writes). Burke, the London Irish stand-off half, was included yesterday in an Ireland B squad from which a side to play Scotland in Dublin on December 28 wili be chosen.

He is one of a dozen players new to this level, among them Michael Patton and Niall Malone, for whom selection may compensate for Oxford's defeat by Cambridge in the University match on Tuesday. Barry O'Mahony makes up an Oxford trio but Malone and Burke will vie for the

No. 10 shirt, knowing that a senior cap may not be far

Burke was born and educated in England but his family is Irish and the prospect of representative honours in the green may seem that much nearer.

The squad of 25, which will train on Sunday at Lansdowne Road under the direction of Harry Williams, includes five senior internationals. Williams will be able to watch six squad members playing for the Irish Exiles against his own Ulster team on Saturday at Rochampton in a match which will have a crucial hearing on the interprovincial championship.

SNOOKER

McManus takes control

THE importance of confidence at the highest level was graphically illustrated when Alan McManus opened a surprise 6-2 lead over Stephen Hendry, the world champion. in their best-of-17-frame quarter-final at the £160,000 Coalite World Matchplay in Doncaster yesterday (Phil Yates writes).

McManus is full of selfbelief after reaching the semifinals of the first three ranking events of the season. In stark contrast. Hendry's form has collapsed and he is experiencing his worst period as a professional.

Hendry's suspect safety-play and erratic long pots left McManus, sixth in the provisional world rankings, requiring only three of the remaining nine frames. Should he get them, he would repeat his victory over Hendry at the UK championship and earn a place in the semi-final against James Wattana.

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sion: Manchester City 2, Manchester United 1, Sheffield Wednesday 2, Sunderland 3, Second division: Coventry 1, Sumley 1

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TABLE TENNIS EUROPEAN MEN'S LEAGUE: Super division: Amsterdam: Holland 0, England 4 (English names first), Chen Yiritus ti Tkeene, 14-21, 21-13, 21-16: C Prean bt D Herster, 21-10, 21-11; M Syed bt M de Brum, 21-14, 21-14; Prean and Chen bt Acone and Heister, 21-14, 18-21, 21-11. Gdansk: Poland 1, Belgium 4 TENNI\$

RIESTE, Italy: Suropean men's team champtonships; First round: Britain 2. Czechoslováko 3 (British names Ital): Metchey kost to P. Virnar. 5-7, 2-6. C. Willorson bt K. Kupara. 6-2, 6-1; Petchey and Wildricon bt R. Vasek and Vizner, 6-3, 7-6.

England tour to go ahead

THE management committee of the Hockey Association decided yesterday to go ahead with plans for England's par-ticipation in the Indira Gandhi tournament, due to start in Bombay on January 8 (Sydney Friskin writes).
There had been speculation

about withdrawal because of the recent political distur-bances in India, particularly around Bombay Organisers have given no indication of whether the tournament will be called off if the situation worsens.

England are due to face Australia, Holland, Spain, Malaysia, India and Russia in the tournament.

FIXTURES

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7 30 unless stated POINTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: Second division: Grinsby v Derby (7 0). NEVELLE OVENDEN COMBINATION: First division: Brigation v Portsmouth (7.15) VALDUALL FA TROPHY: Third qualitying round replays: Bachley v Poole; Wembley v Stafford Rangers. RUGBY UNION

Tour match The Army v NZ Combined Services (at Aldershot, 2:30)..... OTHER SPORT

BOWLS: Yetton Trophy Women's national inter-dub championship, second round. BOXING: British light middleweight little Andy Till (Northolly of Tony Colins (Yateley) (York Hall, Bethnai Green). SNOOKER: World Matchplay tournament

SWIMMING

Pickering can prove a point in Sheffield

By Craig Lord

the Heatley enquiry into Brit-ain's poor performance at the fell into the water on top of Barcelona Olympic Games that she will never again attend a national squad training camp. The importance of that message is likely to be drummed home at Ponds Forge in Sheffield over the next four days as Pickering attempts to defend all five freestyle titles, from 50 to 800 metres, at the Optrex national short-course championships.

Pickering will have fond memories of the championships in London last year, when she became the first woman to win all five titles. For many of those who raced for a ticket to Barcelona, memories will be grim, a return to the venue for the Olympic trials last June, the most successful and upbeat domestic swimming event in memory, yet one that led to such intense disappointment

in Spain. Pickering, one of the few British swimmers to achieve personal best times at the Olympics, regrets having to attend the training camps. During one of them, at Narbonne, she injured her back

KAREN Pickering has told when a television cameraman

> In her comments to the Olympic enquiry, chaired by Sir Peter Heatley and due to report by the end of the year, Pickering said: "It is one of my biggest regrets that I went to Narbonne. If I make the European championships team next year, there's no way I'm going on a camp."
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> In the first sign that the

authorities are prepared to discuss training camps, Paul Bush, director of swimming for England and team manager in Barcelona, confirmed that the "whole philosophy is

being considered by the Heatley committee". Meanwhile, over the next four days, Picketing is likely to thrive in her key events of 100 and 200 metres, although Alison Sheppard, in the 50 metres, and Sam Foggo, in the 400 and 800 metres, could step Pickering repeat-

ing her teat of last year.
The dark horse is Sarah
Hardcastle, Britain's most successful woman swimmer for three decades, who returns to national competition

Britain go through

Great Britain yesterday beat Czechosiovakia 2-1 in the first round of the European men's team tennis championships in Trieste, Italy. Mark Petchey lost 7-5, 6-2 to Pavel Vizner but Chris Wilkinson beat Karol Kucera, 6-2, 6-1. Petchey and Wilkinson then teamed up to defeat Radomir Vasek and Vizner 6-3, 7-6 in the deciding doubles.

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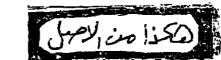
Baseball: Barry Bonds, for-merly of the Pittsburgh Pi-rates, has become the highestpaid player in the sport by signing a six-year, \$43.75 million (£27 million) contract with San Francisco Giants.

New captain

Rugby union: Chad Lion-Cachet the South African flanker, will captain Oxford University next year. Lion-Cachet was in the side beaten by Cambridge on Tuesday.

Change of direction

Gymnastics: Terry Bartlett, captain of Britain's gymnastics team at the Barcelona Olympics, is giving up the six years after retiring at 16. sport to be a trapeze artist



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6.00 Ceefax (21836) 6.30 Breakfast News (40005942) 9.05 Kilroy. Topical discussion with Robert Kilroy-Silk (2052316)

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9.45 Ross King. Today's guest on the music quiz is Elizabeth Power.

Mrs Hewitt in EastEnders (s) (8964010)
10.00 News, regional news and weather (3876316) 10.05 Playdays.

Pam Ayres reads "Piggo and the Paddling Pool" (f) (s) (9319749)
10.30 Good Morning... with Anne and Nick. The tarnity magazine show reviews (orthcoming television programmes, Claire Roberts chase tashion tins and Dr Mark Porter answers medical questions show reviews torincoming television programmes. Claire Roberts gives fashion tips and Dr Mark Porter answers medical questions (s). Including 11.00, 12.00 News, regional news and weather (48862584) 12.15 Pebble Mill with Alan Titchmarsh (s) (8687768) 12.55 Regional news and weather (65711126) 12.55 regional news and weather (bb/711726)

1.00 One O'Clock News with Philip Hayton, (Ceefax) Weather (60652)

1.30 Neighbours. (Ceefax) (s) (21152564)

1.50 Going for Gold. Henry Kelly presides over the five remaining contestants in the European quiz (s) (21156300)

2.15 Film: Run for the Sun (1956). Languid suspense thriller starring Richard Widmark and Jane Greer as writers who crashland in the

Richard Widmark and Jane Greer as writers who crashland in the Mexican jurigle and encounter three refugee Nazis. Directed by Roy Boulfing (153942)

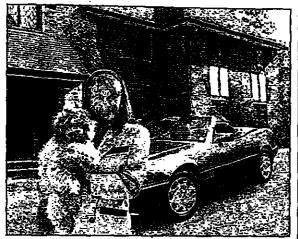
3.50 Children's BBC: Puppydog Tales. Victoria Wood narrates the last story in the series (9892145) 3.55 Noodry (s) (8942652) 4.05 Star Pets. Peter Simon searches for this year's most-talented animal (s) (7385045) 4.15 Get Your Own Back. Wrexham v Wakefield (s) (2170720) 4.30 Kevin and Co. Episode five of a six-part cornecty drama series (5913768) 4.55 Newsround (3480403) 5.05 Blue Peter looks behind the scenes of the film The Mupper Christmas Carof starring Michael Caine. (Ceefax) (s) (9254297)

5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax) (s) (447294). Northern Ireland: Inside Uister

6.00 Six O'Clock News with Anna Ford and Andrew Harvey. (Ceefax)

Weather (497)
6.30 Regional news magazines (749). Northern Ireland: Neighbours

(7). (Caerax) (s)
7.00 Top of the Pops. The latest chart sounds (s) (7855)
7.30 EastEnders. Drame in Albert Square. (Ceefax) (s) (861)
8.00 Living Dangerously: Pretty Polity and the Ancient Martiner. The fifth in the six-part nature series, filmed by Martin Saunders, links the demise of the world's largest turtle with a rare parrot, plastic bags, jellyfish, the price of bananas, and two unusual conservationists.



No more good times: Diane Bull as widow Annie (8.30pm)

8.30 Sitting Pretty: Daddy's Home. John Sullivan's brassy corned starring Diane Bull as Annie, whose good life comes to an abrupt end when hubble dies bankrupt. (Ceefax) (s) (5010) 9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Michael Buerk. (Ceefax) Regional news

9.30 Crimewatch UK. Nick Ross and Sue Cook appeal for help in finding the men who hijacked a Post Office van in Frinton-on-Sea, Essex, resulting in an off-duty policeman being shot in the leg.

(Ceefax) (s) (262133)

10.15 Question Time. Peter Sissons chairs the weekly political discussion programme from London. The guests are John MacGregor, transport secretary; Mel Read, Labour MEP for Leicester, Sir Charles Powell, former foreign policy private secretary to Margaret Thatcher; and Holder K. Nielsen, president of the

Denish Socialist Peoples' Party (610497)

11.15 Crimewatch UK Update (527774)

11.25 Law and Order: Prisoner of Love. American crime series starring George Dzundza and Christopher Noth (r) (s) (309300)

12.15am Weather (5821985)

BBC2

8.00 Breakfast News (5225652) 8.15 Westminster (5321039) 9.00 A Home for Stephen. A boy awaits adoption (f) (83942)
9.30 Film: The Lost Patrol (1934, b/w), Dated but still exciting first world

war drams about a British cavalry patrol lost in the desert. Stamng Victor McLagien. Directed by John Ford (1389294)

10.40 Film: The Little Minister (1934, b/w), Katharine Hepburn stars as a gypsy who wins the heart of a minister. Directed by Richard Wallace (25112300) 12.20 Made by Man. The bookbinder (r) (6334749)

12.40 Nettles in Paradise 12.40 Nettles in Paradise

 CHOICE: A gentie and sympathetic documentary by Jonathan Stedall, who has guided the television work of Muggeridge, Betjeman and Whicker, looks at the Paradise Community in Gloucestershire which cares for the mentally handicapped. Some Gioucastersnire which cares for the martially handicapped. Some 30 young adults with special needs enjoy an enlightened regime where they are treated as individuals. Known as "co-workers", they have jobs in the garden and on the farm and can paint and weave. The stinging nettles which grow in the grounds are offered as a symbol. Like the people in the community the nettles tend to be underestimated and despised. But given the chance, they can make positive and sometimes surprising contributions (1270125).

Persons Street Animation for children (1) (4/343010).

1.20 Pigeon Street. Animation for children (f) (40343010) 1.35 Another War, Another Peace: End of Empire — Asia. Magnus Magnusson on life in the 1940s and 1950s (37586132)

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2.00 News and weather (89280213) followed by Michael Berry's Choice Cuts. Beef recipes (19547478)

2.15 Advice Shop on weltare benefits and services (4527710)

3.00 News and weather (7781010) followed by Westminster Live including prime minister's questions (9148565) 3.50 News, regional news and weather (6941923)

4.00 Catchword. Word game with Paul Coia (s) (590)

4.30 Behind the Headlines. Political discussion with Simon Hoggart of The Observer and Vincent Hanna (s) (774)

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5.00 From the Edge. Reports from disabled people. (Ceefax) (1861)
5.30 Food and Drink. How to cook a turkey (r) (s) (126)
6.00 Film: War of the Worlds (1953). Martiens invade the earth in an effective adaptation of the H.G. Wells story. Starring Gene Barry. Directed by Byron Haskin (3831287). Wates: Bullding Sights; 6.10 (talianissimo; 6.25 Mosaic; 6.55 Advice Shop
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7.55 Prisoners of Conscience, Lord Weatherill speaks on behalf of a person jailed for his/her beliefs (364958)
8.00 The Essential History of Europe: The Netherlands. The civisions in Dutch society (s) (7045)
8.30 Top Gear looks at big American cars of the 1950s (s) (3652)
9.00 Absolutely Fabulous. Frenetic cornedy set in the world of fashion PR, written by and starring Jennifer Saunders. (Ceefsx) (s) (1652)



Victim: a patient at an Afghanistan mental asytum (9,30pm)

9.30 War, Lives and Videotape CHORCE: This is a revised repeat of Nick Danziger's memorable film for the Video Dianes series, which won the Prix Italia for the best television documentary. Danziger is the photo-journalist who got personally involved in a story he covered and tried to help its victims. These were children, orphaned or abandoned by their parents but sound of mind, who were sent to a mental asylum during the civil war in Afghanistan. The programme follows Danziger's attempt to raise the money for a safe house in which the children can lead normal lives. But this is no Challenge Annelsa. The tootage is rough-edged and often harrowing and there is little

attempt to impose a smooth narrative flow (99107)

10.30 Newsnight (977565) 11.15 Prisoners of Conscience (r) (411774)

11.20 Edvard Murich. Conclusion of the film portrait (r) (145039) 11.20 Editard Munich. Concusion of the finit political (f) (14305) 12.20am Later with Jools Holland. The guests are Chris Rea, Morrissey, Tori Arnos and Loyko, a Russian gypsy band (s) (4292411) 12.55 Behind the Headfines (f) (s) (5838275) 1.25 Weather 1.35 Close 3.00 BBC Select; RCN Nursing Update (f) (78904). Ends at 4.00

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6.00 TV-am (5726403) 9.25 Keynotes. Music quiz with Alistair Divali (6839010) 9.55 Thames

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10.00 The Time... The Place... Topical discussion (9982478)
10.35 This Morning. Judy Finnigan and Richard Madeley present the daily magazine show, with medical advice from Dr Chris Steele, including at 10.55 TN News headlines, 11.55 Thames News and eather (25291861)

12.10 The Riddlers. Children's puppet senes (6330923) 12.30 TN Lunchtime News with Nicholas Owen and Sonia Ruseler (Oracle) Weather (1350316) 1.05 Thames News (40448519)

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1.15 Home and Away. Australian drama serial. (Oracle) (666381)
1.45 A Country Practice (s) (665652)
2.15 Snooker: Coalite World Matchplay Champlonship. The first semi-final from the Dome in Doncaster (7249671) 3.10 ITN News headlines (7872316) 3.15 Thames News (7671687)
3.20 GP. Dr Robert Sharp considers seiling the premises (3619720)
3.50 Children's ITV: The Ratties. Cartoon (r) (7718823) 3.55 Captain Zed and the Zee Zone. Arkmation (s) (5987497) 4.20 Rolf's Cartoon Club (8935519) 4.45 Bad Influence! Andy Crane and Violet Berlin look at the latest computers and games (5009519)
5.10 Famous Papola. Famous Places. Celebrity out; (3050854)

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6.00 Home and Away (r). (Oracle) (565)

6.30 Thames News (395)
7.00 Emmerdale. Eric (Christopher Chittell) manages to sell his old sports car. (Oracle) (2923)
7.30 Jimmy's. Real-life stories concerning the patients and staff at

St James's University Hospital in Leeds (229)

8.00 The Bill: Safety First. Burnside (Christopher Ellison) tracks the owner of a sawn-off shotgun that was used during an armed robbery at a pawnbroker's shop. (Oracle) (1671)



Sleeping rough: Bridget was later found dead (8.30pm)

8.30 This Week: Dying for a Home. The weekly current affairs programme from Thames Televison bows out after 36 years and 1,500 editions. The last episode is made in conjunction with the Crisis charity and reports on Britain's homeless. Margaret Gilmore talks to the environment minister Sir George Young and to doctors about the growing number of premature deaths among people who are sleeping rough. (Oracle) (7478)

9.00 The Andrew Newton Hypnotic Experience. Carol Vorderman

assists the hypnotist Andrew Norton, who invites members of a studio sudience to take part in his act, with amusing and unpredictable results (s) (1359) 10.00 News at Ten with Trevor McDonald. (Oracle) Weather (64861)

10.30 Thames News (547923)

10.40 01. The weekly entertainments guide talks to the director and the producer of Home Alone 2, and to Sarah Brightman and Michael Hordem about Trelawny of the Wells; there is music and an interview with Jason Donovan; a look at David Bailey's private viewing at the Hamilton Gallery; and news from last night's party at the Hackney Empire. Presented by Paula Yates and Richard Jobson

nooker: Coalite World Matchplay Championship. The

11.10 Snooker: Coalite World Matchplay Championship. The concluding frames of the first semi-final from the Dome (521565)
12.30am Prisoner: Cell Block H (64492)
1.30 Film: Clash by Night (1963, bw). Limp British thriller in which a bus taking convicts to jail is hijacked. Starring Terence Longdon and Harry Fowler. Directed by Montgomery Tully (53695)
3.00 Kojak: Laid Off. A rookle policeman accepts a bribe. Starring Telly Sweles and Kasin Debegg (n) (55430) Savales and Kevin Dobson (r) (65430)

4.00 Motorsport Special. Racing from Silverstone (10169)
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4.30 America's Top Ten (t) (s) (11237)
5.00 Videofashion. Masculine designs with a feminine touch (t) (37186)
5.30 ITN Early Morning News with Phil Roman (64985). Ends at 6.00

CHANNEL 4

6.00 Cartoons (92836) 7.00 The Big Breaklast (56403 9.00 You Bet Your Life, American quiz show (s) (6834565) 9.25 Film: Miss London Limited (1943, b/w). Musical comedy about a London escort agency, primarily a vehicle for its chirpy star, Arthur Askey, Directed by Val Guest (86033039)

The Voice-Over Queen. An aspiring actress lends her voice to advertisements for electrical gadgets (2400590)

11.30 Credo. The Russian Orthodox Church is enjoying a revival. But for

11.30 Credo. The Hussian Orthodox Church is enjoying a rewal. But for how long? (7213) 12.00 The Parliament Programme (61774) 12.30 Sessime Street. Early learning series (11478) 1.30 Take 5. Fur for chatren (96958) 2.00 Film: Tension (1950 b/w). Tension is what is missing from this truller starring Richard Basehart as a pharmacist who plots to kill his wife's lover, but fails in love with another woman. With Cyd Charisse and Audiev Totter. Directed by John Barry 1264/97) and Audiey Totter. Directed by John Berry (264497)
3.40 Surrodo. A silent film about the rituals leading up to a sumo

wresting competition (5062132)

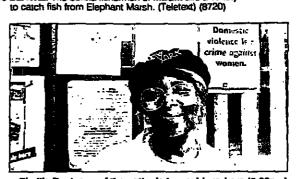
4.00 Family Pride. Asian family drama series (s) (958)

4.30 Fifteen to One. Quick-fire quiz (s) (942) 5.00 The Oprah Winfrey Show. The actress and model Margot Herningway talks about her obsession with dieting (s) (9573687) 5.55 The Magic Roundabout. It is Florence's birthday (r) (922836)

6.00 The Word — Access All Areas (s) (107) 6.30 Gemesmaster. Formula One racing driver Johnny Herbert

competes on the computer video games show (687)
7.00 Channel 4 News with Jon Snow. (Teletext) Weather (165045)
7.50 Comment. Philip Van der Elst from the Freedom Association argues that the Maastricht treaty would be bad for Europe (278107) 8.00 The Black Beg: Bounty Hunter. The second of a two-part documentary about Tahir Mahmood who tracks down Asian women

who have run away from home (s) (9213) 8.30 Survival. The Senna fishermen of Malawi use a variety of methods



Phyllis Best: one of the nation's low paid workers (9.00pm)

9.00 Critical Eye: How Low Can You Go?

CHOICE: The Geordie comedian Mike Elliott tours Britain in a lony, looking for examples of low pay. He does not have to search hard. The burden of the film, locular in style but distressingly serious in content, is that millions of people in full-time work are earning less. than what by most reasonable definitions is a living wage. Elliott finds his examples from Bournemouth to the Potteries and from Yorkshire to Scotland. He finds them in grave-diggers, garment workers, hardressers, librarians and, perhaps surprisingly, miners. Many of the poorly paid are women, forced to take dull and repetitive jobs and usually with no union to speak for them. Implicit in this shaming film is the case for a statutory minimum wage.

rejected by the government at the general election because it would create even higher unemployment (8671)

10,00 The Big Battailons. The penultimate episode of the drama about faith and fanaticism. Starring Brian Cox. (Teletext) (s) (1958)

11.00 Chelmsford 123: Odi et Amo. An ugly Roman soldier falls in love

with a beautiful Briton (r) (s) (677213)

11.35 The Spirit of Freedom: The Demise of the Prophets. In the last in the series, Bernard-Henri Levy traces the birth of the Maoist

intellectual, With Engish subtitles (846361)

12.35am The Low Pay Debate. Following tonight's Critical Eye, Sheena McDonald chairs a debate on low pay (6776782)

1.20 Dispatches. A foreign office view of the six turbulent months of Britain's presidency of the EC (r) (9324968). Ends at 2.15

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(37343) 1.00 Hollywood Report (23072) 1.30
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6.55am Weather

7.00 On Air: Chris de Souza

presents music, news, arts news and weather including

Howerd Ferguson (Overture for an occasion); Boocherini

or an occasion); Boccherin (Symphony No 14 in G); Britten (Matinées musicales, after Rossin); Rachmaninov (Rhapsody on a theme of Pagarini)

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9.00 Composer of the Week.
Stavinsky: Reinventing the
Past (1920-1951). Sacred
Music presented by John
Tavener, Symphony of Psaint
Pater noster, Credo: Ave
Maria; Babel; Mass

10.00 Morning Sequence:
Schumenn (Overture, Julius
Caesar); Saint Saáns
(Introduction and Rondo

(Introduction and Rondo Capriccioso) Mozart (Plano Concerto No 26 In D. K537.

Coronation); Deltus (Brigg Feir); Hayon Symphony No 98 in 8 ttal); Roussel (Bacchus

and Anadne, suite No 2) Schumann: The Year 1842

Chamber music composed by

Schumann during that year including String Quartet in F. Op 41, No 2 performed by

Melos Quartet, Plano quartet in Effet, Op 44 performed by

Beaux Arts Trio with Doff Bettelheim, violin, and Samuel Rhodes, viola. Readings from

Robert and Clara Schumann's

oratorio to a libretto by Charles Jennens recounts the story of

genocide, witchcraft, decephation, hatred and envy and also valour, loyalty, concision and optimism

Ruhemann, flute and alto flute, and Julius Drake, plano, perform Taffanel (Andante

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4.20 BBC Concert Orchestra
under Barny Wordsworth with
Pensiope Thwaites, plano,
performs Vaughan Williams
(Overture, The Wasps); Peggy
Glarwille-Hicks (Plano
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9.30 Bridget Riey

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every programme, she divulges a different aspect of her life and work to a different

ins and work to a offerent interviewer. To date, we have learnt how she feels about public collections, how she thinks colour and pattern affect

our vision, and why she is committed to abstract art. In

tonight's dialogue, with Bryan Robertson, we learn how

reading and travel have inspired her output

9.50 Britten: Timothy Hugh performs Suite No 3 for solo

10.15 Mysteries of the Hammond.The last in a series

10.45 Night Waves: Tony Payne discusses Carousal directed by Nicholas Hytner at the

National Theatre and Paul National Theatre and Paul Bailey talks to the Spanish noveist Juan Goytisolo 11.30 Settings of Gottified Keller.

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12.30-12.35am News
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2.30-3.10 Night School Extra

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of programmes on exponents of the Hammond organ, Ben Wasson considers the work of Frank Zappa, Greg Allman, Dave Stewart and Don Pullen

cello (r)

RADIO 3

Young Doctors (759045) 5.10-5.48 Looking Back with Kenneth MacLeod (759045) 6.00 TSW Today (476987) 6.20 TSW Commundy Action (635403) 6.30-7.00 Home and Away (305084) 6.00 Calendar (1359) 10.40 Looking Back with Kenneth MacLeod (586900) 14 40 Secolor (59574) 12 98wes (\$8890) 11.40 Snooter (63749) 12.35ath Night Heet (4204255) 1.30 Americe's Top Ten (9760256) 1.35 Film: KGB — The Secret War (618879) 3.35 Videoleahion (65419607) 4.05 Shedy Teles (78828508) 4.15-5.30 Film: Doublecross (6076508)

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12.00 The Stave Alien Show (8) 12.25cm The Black Bag (8838548)

SKY ONE

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6.00am The DJ Kat Show (82140045) 8.40

SKY MOVIES+

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12.00 The Gune and the Fury (1981). Americans chil for oil in Persia (84788)
2.00 Lonely in America (1991): An Indian from New Dehl moves to New York (81010)
4.00 Emeat Seree Christmas (1988): The children's hero meets Santa Claus (2942)
8.00 Hi Honey, I'm Dead! (as 108m) (33488749)

SKY MOVIES GOLD

diair (73213) ID.OO Deliverance (1972): Four business

men take a trip into the back Ends at 11.50 THE MOVIE CHANNEL

7.00em The Fire in the Stone (1985): Mystery about stolen opels (96045) 8.00 Just for You (1952): Bing Crosby stars as a songwriter with a troublesome family 11.00 A Woman's Angle (1952): Courlroom drame (89403) 1.00cm Bonnia Prince Charlie (1948):

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(78258879) 5.00 Saboteur (1942): Hitchcock thrille (15701). Ends at 7,00am SKY SPORTS

6.30am Stretch (46836) 7.00 Watersports (64652) 8.00 Boots & All (65381) 9.00 Stretch (42774) 9.30 Conquer The Arctic 1899 (38403) 11.30 Stretch (12823) 12.00 Farnis (373652) 3.00pm Team Temps Chemptonships (35213) 5.00 Motor World (9687) 5.30 The Club Show (6852) 6.00 (1807) 5-30 III Cuto Show (1902) 6-20 Soccar News (618891) 6-22 WWF Wiesting (14279) 7-30 Neithuslers (6229) 8-00 Ford RS2000 Relay (5671) 8-30 The Boot Room (17229) 9-30 Ringside (61555) 1-30 Ger-men Football (15213) 1-30-2-00am World Sports Special (37889)

EUROSPORT

8,00mm Step Aerobics (54519) 8.30 Figure Stating (20774) 10.00 Eurolun (11836) 10.30 Step Aerobics (60125) 11.00 Eurolun (11836) 10.30 Step Aerobics (60125) 11.00 Eurolun Event (8528) 12.30 pm kick Boarng (76229) 1.00 Gernes of Billions (91884) 2.00 Ternis (10590) 4.00 Eurolun (8930) 6.00 Ford Ste Aeport (71720) 7.00 Ternis (70869) 8.30 News (2774) 9.00 Footbalf (28519) 10.00 Ternis (84722) 11.30 News (85120) SCREENSPORT

7.00am Eurobics (56497) 7.30 Wints Triathlon (31132) 8.00 Beskelbal (1492) 10.00 The Kick Box (37316) 11.00 Eurobic (82346) 11.30 Bowling (67590) 12.30pc

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Parade 12.35 Steve Medden with Night Ride 4.00 Alex Lester The Early Show

Sport 12.00-12,10am News: Sport

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All times in GMT. 4.30mm Business Report

4.40 Travel and Weather 4.45 Programmes in German 5.30 Europe Today 5.59 Weather 7.00

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LIFESTYLE 10.00am The Spiral Zone (19478) 10.30 Cover Story (68763) 11.00 Gloss (90294) 11.30 Joan Pivers (2028229) 12.15pm Sally Jessy Raphael (8232942) 1.10 Lunchbox (64790565) 1.40 Sele-Vision (45256823) 2.10 The Family Tree (3777942) 3.90 The New Newlywed Game (7662) 3.30 Bit Dans (3519) 4.00 Duck Van Dyles Show (9129) 4.30 Gameshova (8010) 5.00 Concentration (9497) 6.30 Sele-Vision (5590) 6.00 Sely Jessy Raphael (7590) 7.00 Sele-Vision (121126) 10.00 Music Vicios (8891584) 2.30-3.00am Top Five (83140)

UK GOLD 6.00em Rambow (10830381) 6.15 Jamie

and the Magic Torch (10835836) 6.30 Rude Dog and the Dweebs (2655316) 7.00 Bravestarr (2241497) 7.30 Neighbours (2026132) 8.00 Sons And Daughters (2876039) 8.30 EastEnders (2888010) 8.00 The Bul (295 (855185) 10.30 Julies Bravo (3188497)
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7.30 Tender is the North, five from the Barbican Hall. The Scandinavian arts festival continues with a concert in the continues with a concert in the sibellus cycle. The London Symphony Orchestra under Colin Davis, with Gidon Kremer, violin, performs Stoellus (Pohjola's Daughter, Violin Concerto in D minor, The Swen of Tuorela. Symphony No 7 in C). In the interval at 8.20 Robert Leyton takes a look at the late Sibellus symphonies

(a) Stereo on FM

5.55am Shipping Forecast
5.00 News Briefing incl 6.03
Weather 6.10 Farming Today
6.25 Prayer for the Day 6.30
Today incl 6.30, 7.00, 7.30,
8.00, 8.30 News; 6.45
Business News; 6.55, 7.55
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News; 7.45 Thought for the
Day 8.40 Yesterday in
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9.00 News 9.05 The Moral Mazze
with Micrael Buark (s)

9.45 An Englishman in the Midi:
Keeping Fit (s)

10.00-10.30 News; Little Women
(FM only): Louisa May Alcott's
novel (3 of 6) (s)

10.00 An Act of Worship (LW only)

10.15 Pradise Lost (LW only): (27
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10.30 Woman's Hour: More than
100,000 young women in the
UK cannol produce their own
eggs, Cheyl Armitage
disovers the joy of egg
donation. (ncl 11.00 News

11.30 From Our Own
Correspondent

11.30 From Our Own Correspondent 12.00 News; You and Yours with 12.25pm Out of Order. The light-

heated political quiz with Austin Mitchell MP; Michael White, Andrew Rawnsley and Robin Corbett MP (s) 12.55 Weether 1.00 The World at One 1.40 The Archers (s) (r) 1.55 Shipping 2.00 News; The High Cost of Travel in Eric MacDonald's

play a middle-aged man's visit to his grandmother in hospital conjures up the mosaic of his life and loves (a) 3.00-4.00 Bus Stop (FM only): Jenni Mills and Nick Baker visit another town 3.00 Prime Minister's Questions

(LW only) 4.00 News 4.05 Kaleido Previs 4.US RaisendScope
Paul Allen's guests are the
actors Barrie Rutter, about to
play Richard III, and Robert
Lindsey, preparing his Cyrano
De Bargerac. Also a review of
Trelawney of the Wells (8)
Start Street What The Sea 4.46 Short Story: What The Sea Teaches by Brian Thompson 5.00 PM 5.50 Shipping 5.55

RADIO 4

6.00 Stx O'Clock News 6.30 The Young Postmen by Ben Miller. Swansden Post office is threatened by cuts, and Derek's job is on the line. His only chance to prove his worth

only chance to prove his worth as a postmen is probably to climb Mount Everest. But somewhere in the shows luries the Abominable Tebri. With Ben Miller, John Thomson and Alistair McGowan (s)
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7.20 Chaoel Whether in the concert hall or in the kitchen, along the Norwegian coastine or down a Texan oliwell — mathematician len Stewart finds chaos everywhere
8.00 Analtysis: Hard Words in the Classroom. What educational

Walker asks whether the Tories have finally killed the post-war progressive impulse in the classrooms S.45 The Financial World Tonight with Roger White (s) 9.59 Weather 1.00 The 197

Classroom. What educational thinking has inspired the government's marathon effort to remake the schools? David

Wearner 10.00 The World Tonight (s) 10.45 A Book at Bedtime ● CHOICE Julie Christie, the CHÖICE. Julie Christie, the film actress, has not allowed herself to be rushed into making her Radio 4 debut. The long weit ends tonight with the first of her two readings from Pay Weldon's story The School Run. Part two goes out torrorrow night, and next week she reads Weldon's Man With No Eyes and The Bottom Line and the Sharp End. Christie is a natural reader. No bricks, No histronics. Good clear voice. Weldon should be pleased

Weldon should be pleased with what CSA Tellapse, the cassette company, have done with her story of an adultarous wife in an alem rural 11.00 Paul Temple and the Spencer Affair by Francis Durbridge. Dinner at the Stardust (7 of 8)

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Leading golfers under attack

Faldo spares few feelings in critical outburst

NICK Faldo, the world's leading golfer and probably the best player that Britain has produced, has spoken out on the problems of combining success on the course with universal popularity off it. Faldo, who won nearly

£800,000 in Europe during a record-breaking season in which he won the Open Championship for the third time and took four other titles. spares nobody's feelings in an interview to be published in the January issue of Golf World magazine.

In it, he talks about his own attitude to the game and the public conception of him, attacks the golfing press and also talks critically about his fellow players, Ian Woosnam and José María Olazábal among them.

Faldo is a man who is driven by a search for perfection in a game that offers little margin for error and in which the dividing line between suc-cess and failure is a tortuously narrow one. He is an easy man to admire, not always so easy to like.

He is unrepentant, however, about his desire to succeed. "It is very un-British to win," he said. "Even if you are the nicest guy in the world, you can't please everybody."

ACROSS

Ring (4) White Rhine wine (8)

Grand Canal city (6)

10 Riverbed scraper (6)

12 US lorry driver (8)

Lean over (4)

15 Ninepins (8)

18 Malleable (6)

21 Character (6) 22 Steelmaker's vessel (8)

17 Clothes pest (4)

23 Bolt partners (4)

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At the European Tour dinner on Monday night Faldo collected the Harry Vardon Trophy, awarded to the leading money-winner on the Tour, and also the Ritz Club Golfer of the Year award. By his own confession, he has been trying to smile more on

the course this season.

However, he won few friends in the golfing press and beyond when after winning the Open at Muirfield in July, he hit back at some of his critics in his acceptance speech by saying: "I'd like to thank the press from the bottom of my ... well, from the heart of my bottom, anyway.

Five months on, he has no regrets about that remark. "The only pressure I felt came from the media." he said. "I even had TV commentators telling me my putting stroke was wrong. Well, it all came out. I got it off my chest.

But I made sure I didn't say anything bad about anybody. I thought, if I am going to do it. make sure you don't say what you really feel. Everything I said was totally harmless. The 20,000 people sitting there all laughed. It was all done tongue-in-cheek.

"I am annoyed that some people take it the wrong way because you have to go

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DOWN

Unorthodox type (8)

13 Someone not present (8)

Off course (6)

Vendetta (4)

16 Hypnotic state (6)

17 Naval rebellion (6)

20 London Underground

5 Grippers (6)

Cosy (4)

14 Whole (8)

19 Master (4)

Far Eastern (8)

through what we go through.
I got the last line for once. You never get the last line with the press or with TV."

Turning his attention to his fellow players, he spoke of Woosnam — with whom he had a successful Ryder Cup partnership until they were defeated twice in the match at Kiawah Island last year - as "Mr Powerhouse". "But he's a bit one dimensional on the draw," he said. "He doesn't fade it enough."

Faldo's criticism did not end there. Olazábal, he said, "is going to be held up by his technique because he reverse-

pivots with a mega-weak grip.
"He is putting his body
under unbelievable strain,
which is fine when he is 26. But the day that he gets up there to 30 it all changes." Faldo has kinder things to

say about Severiano Ballesteros. "His charisma and style of play have been fantastic for our tour and for golf in general," he said.

Yet, he added, when he met the great Spaniard in the Toyota World Match Play Championship for the first time, he looked at his opponent's swing and told himself that it would not last 36 holes. He told himself that Ballesteros would make mistakes and that he should be patient. And sure enough, it worked, Faldo said.

Whatever else, Faldo has never been a man to duck issues. In going on the record so critically about his fellow players, however, he stands to lose a little of even their

Solheim Cup side tastes more success

THE European Solheim Cup women's team has beaten Nick Faldo, the Open champion and world No. 1 player, to win the Golf Writers' Trophy for 1992. The side, inspired on the course by Laura Davies and off it by Mickey Walker, beat the United States 112-612 at Dalmahoy in October.

The award is given to the golfer or golfers who, in the opinion of the writers, made an outstanding contribution for Europe during the year. Walker, who won the trophy

as Britain's leading woman amateur player in 1972, said: "I'm delighted for my team and for women's professional golf, too. Ours is a sport that does not get much publicity and it is fantastic that the writers should recognise the

team's achievement." It is the fifth time in eight years that a team has taken the

isory group that was behind

the move to persuade the British Athletic Federation

(BAF) to let women compete

on the track against men, said: "We can trace this back

to Joan's outburst." The BAF

described its announcement

as "evolutionary" although, of

course, women have been

running on the roads against

men for years.

yesterday before his World Boxing Council super-middleweight title defence against Nicky Piper at Alexandra Palace in London on Saturday. Benn arrived in England yesterday from his Tenerife training camp and flatly refused to meet the media.

Empty-handed: Barry Hearn, the promoter, explains the absence of Nigel Benn from a news conference

despite being reminded by Hearn of his contractual obligations. Benn could now be fined, and Hearn plans to meet him face to face to discuss his non-appearance.

"What happens next depends on my negotiations with Nigel," Hearn said. "He is obviously tense and focused on his first defence; all fighters would be. Unfortunately, he

has forgotten the golden rule that you have got to sell a fight as well as

fight a fight.
"It is unprofessional. I don't expect this kind of behaviour from anybody, least of all a world champion. He was told through his commercial manager seven days ago that he would be required today. When I rang him he said he wasn't

whatsoever — none were offered." Benn will be receiving a purse well into six figures" for fighting Piper, of Wales, having taking the championship from the Italian Mauro Galvano, in Rome two

Lewis speculation, page 40

Hastings brothers end Exiles' hopes

Edinburgh Scottish Exiles ..

By ALAN LORIMER

EDINBURGH preserved their unbeaten run in the McEwan's inter-district championship when they beat Meggetland yesterday by the narrowest of margins. In front of the Scottish selectors. Edinburgh had the satisfaction not only of winning, but also of finishing 2-1 ahead in the try

The Exiles, perhaps feeling the effects of a punishing schedule of four games in ten days, could not reproduce the sustained forward pressure they exerted against the South on Saturday. The rolling mauls which were so successful against the Borderers were missing, and this may partly have been due to the decision to leave out Neale Provan and play lain Morrison and lan Smith. The two flankers, who play in a similar style, contributed to the Exiles' only try, but Provan's absence appeared to cost them dear in the lineout

and in close-quarter play. The Exiles led 6-3 at halftime, after two penalties by Mark Appleson to one by Ally Donaldson. The game, which had shown signs of animation just before the interval, burst into life at the beginning of the second half. Scott Hastings crossed for a try for Edinburgh after a move begun by Scott Aitken and carried on by Jock

Kerr and Brian Hay-Smith. The elder of the Hastings brothers, Gavin, then delivered a further blow to the Exiles' hopes when he scored a splendid try, taking a short טע מוטוו in unopposed. Donaldson again converted, and although Appleson put over a third penalty for the Exiles. Donaldson gave Edinburgh an 11-point lead with his

fourth successful kick. The Exiles responded with a try by Brian Gilchrist after clever interplay between Mark Sly and Smith. Sly added the conversion and with three minutes remaining, Appleson narrowed the gap to a point with another penalty, but the Exiles could not make any

Exiles could not make any further impression.

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EDINBURCH: G Hastings (Watsonians, capitals); J Kerr (Hastings) (Watsonians), D Wysile (Stewart's Melville FP). G Glasgow (Henot's FP): A Donaldson (Cume), D Pattierson (Edinburgh Academicals), B Brown (Boroughmuin), P Wright (Boroughmuin). S Altiken (Watsonians), M Rudich (Watsonians), A Macdonald (Henot's FP), J Robertson (Henot's FP), S Reid (Boroughmuin). SCOTTISH EXQLES (London Scotlish unless stated), M Appleson: L Renwick, F Harrold, M Sty, D Casitle (Gloucester); R Cramb (capisin), D Millard: A Sherp (Bristol), B Glichrist, P Burnel, I Smith (Gloucester), D Cronin, A Reed (Bath), I Morrison, D McIntosh (Portypridd).

fined in France

THE French grand prix could be scrapped next year and the Formula One motor racing championship calendar heaviy revised because of a law banning eigarette advertising.

The future of the French race, the oldest grand prix, is emergency item to the agenda when the International Motor Sports Federation (Fisa) meets in Paris today.

The race at Magny-Cours on July 4 is under threat because of the actions of the French anti-smoking lobby and a provincial court judg-ment against Britain's Williams team for carrying cigarette adverts at the Australian grand prix in Adelaide last month.

Williams was fined £3.5 million and now runs the risk of having its cars and equipment seized if it travels into or across France - unless it pays the fine or wins an appeal. Frank Williams said: "This is a very serious situation and one we are looking at very dosely.'

A court in Brittany ruled against Williams and in sup-port of the elimination of all tobacco advertising - not only on French territory but also in other countries when beamed into France on television.

Mansell's rethink, page 40

Williams Grobbelaar prepares to end Anfield career

BRUCE Grobbelaar is ready to leave Liverpool after 11 years at Anfield. Grobbelaar has recently been on the substitutes' bench, first losing his goalkeeping place to David James and then to

Mike Hooper. Now, according to national newspaper reports yesterday, that his career on Merseyside

"I have slowly realised that I am not in Liverpool's plans for the future," Grobbelaar is quoted as saying. "I love the club so much I wanted to play for Liverpool until I was over 40. But I'm disheartened to realise my future is not with Liverpool and life is too short to sit around doing nothing."

Grobbelaar, due to play for

qualifying match against Egypt in Harare on Sunday week, has hardly been out of the news since succeeding Ray Signed for £250,000 from

Vancouver Whitecaps in 1981, he has made 591 and played a big part in helping Liverpool win 13 ma-

Grobbelaar, who still has 18 months of his contract to run at Anfield, is keen to continue his career in England, but he added: "If all doors are closed to me in this country, I'm willing to play abroad.

"I'm prepared to go any-where. I will give 100 per cent to whoever I play for."

Women earn equal rights to race

By David Powell, athletics correspondent

This position is a variation taken from the game Plaskett

Mestel, Foreign & Colonial Hastings Premier 1986/87. Jim Plaskett is one of England's most dangerous attacking grandmasters. How did he force checkmate here? This year's Hastings tourna-ment features the Hungarian prodigy Judit Polgar. Further details from the British Chess Federation on 0424 442500. Solution on page 39.

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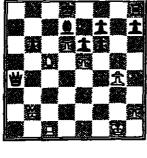
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By PHILIP HOWARD

PADROADIST

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MALE athletes are no longer It does not mean that women will compete against sale from that greatest of ignominies — losing to a men in the national champiwoman - after the decision onships nor in local leagues. Its usefulness to women lies mainly in providing improved scope for setting personal announced yesterday to let the fairer sex loose on men's events in graded track and field meetings. Kriss Akabusi best performances. In the case of the best

against Sally Gunnell at 400 metres hurdles? Unlikely but British women athletes, findat least the rules now allow it. ing good domestic opposition to enhance self-improvement British women, as Joan Allison, the national team can be difficult whereas running against men may be more likely to bring them on manager, made clear two years ago, have had a raw deal in racing opportunities. Alli-"This is really good news." Alison Wyeth, the Barcelona son came away from the 1990 European championships in Split, after the British men Olympic 3.000 metres finalist and International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF) had won eight gold medals project manager, said. It would provide her, she said. and the women one, complaining the same opportuni-ties were not there for women. with opportunities to sharpen up at 800 metres that she Yesterday, Gwenda Ward, a member of the women's adv-

would otherwise not have. She does not expect the men to behave like gentlemen towards her. "When you race against men, it can be rough: sometimes because men do not like being beaten by women. But I think that is good." Christina Cahill, second to Zola Pieterse in the all-time

British 1,500 metres rank-

ings, believes she would have

run closer to 3min 55sec than the 4:00.57 she accomplished in 1984 had this new option been open to her.
A senior BAF officer said:

"With the exception of Fati-ma Whitbread, women have been relegated to second-rate status in the promotion of athletics - not taken seriously and shown only because they look good on television." IAAF rules state that performances in mixed races are invalid for record purposes but the governing body is

Allison: firm advocate

unlikely to object to Britain's unilateral step. "We have got to be sensible in our policing. We would not rush on to the track and stop it," an IAAF spokeswoman

Ward wants the BAF to recognise performances for record and international team selection purposes. "I can see no reason why they should not be ratified as British

records and I think it is

something that could be tak-en up at IAAF level." he said. David Bedford, the BAF secretary and former 10,000 metres world record-holder, has been a loyal advocate of the women's advisory group. He said that performances would be accepted by the IAAF for international championship team selection. He said: "The rule change is part of a serious move to allow

senior women internationals to have competition at the relevant level in the UK rather than struggle to gain it over-seas where neither funds nor the will of international promoters allow it. The object is to encourage women's development as equals in an equal society.'

Can you solve this puzzle as fast as Einstein?

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